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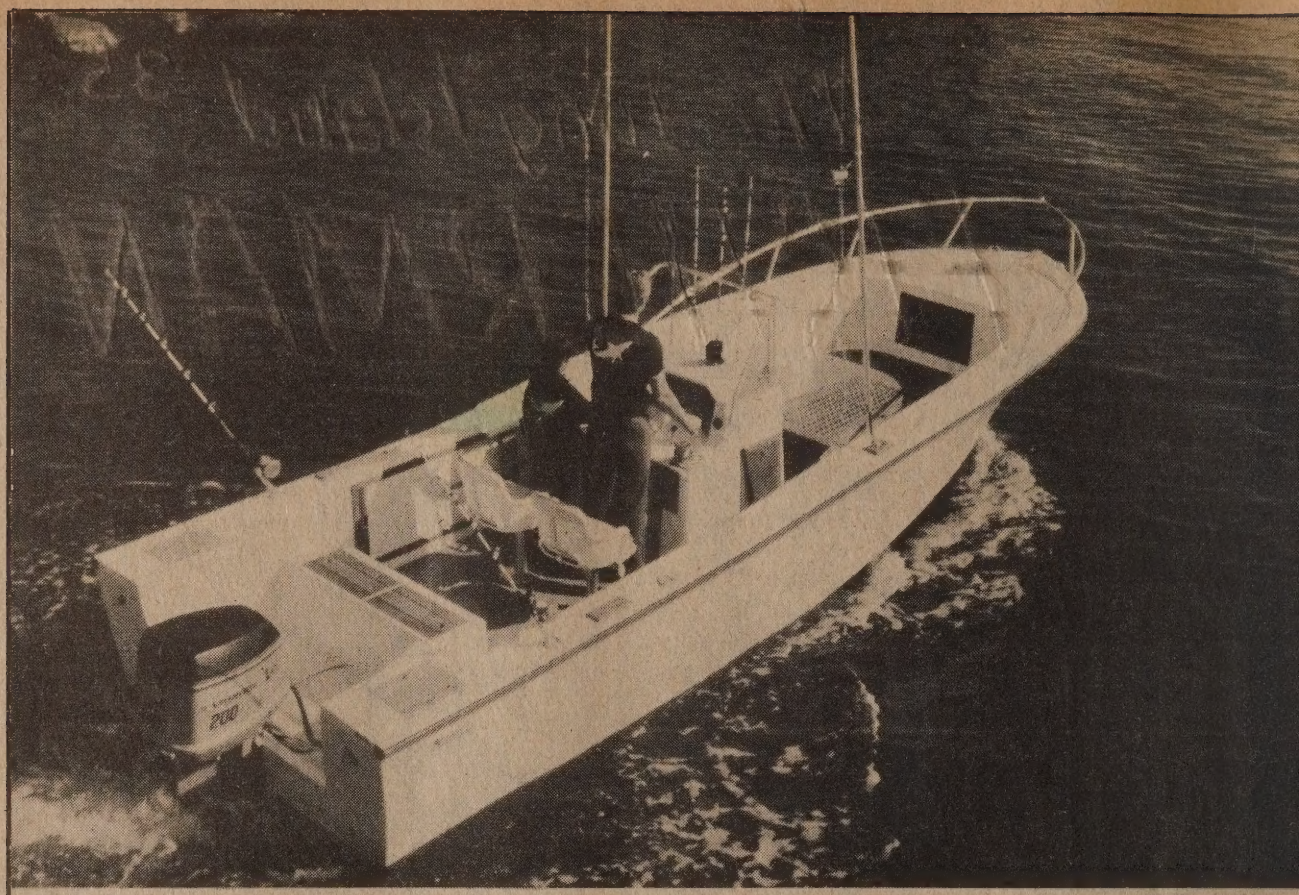

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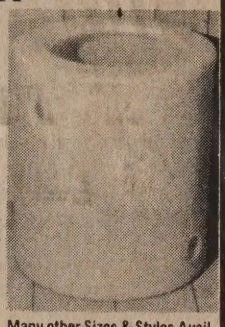

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BOATING

Commander Jim Kreidler of Huntington's Neptune Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, last week announced the Fall Boating Course schedule. Registration for free courses are at 8 P.M., Monday, September 27th at John Glenn High School, Elwood Road, E. Northport. Tuesday, September 28th at Half Hollow Hills High School, Vanderbilt Parkway in Dix Hills at 8 P.M. and Wednesday the 29th at Walt Whitman High School on West Hills Road in Huntington Station also at 8 P.M. Further information may be obtained by calling Andy Morrison at 261-3084 or John Schneir at 368-5452.

Neptune has for over 35 years offered this 10 week course to all who are interested. Students will meet one night per week for a 2 hour session. Instruction categories include safety afloat, seamanship, aids to navigation, charts, piloting, compass, government regulations, rules of the road, small boat handling and many more. Ownership of a boat is not required to take the course.

Concurrently registration will also be held for the required New York State Young Boatmans Safety course, ages 10 thru 15. This course will consist of 5 lessons, at approximately 2 hours each.

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Safe Boating instruction courses given by Flotilla 13-7 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will commence in September. There will be two separate courses in the fall. The first starts on September 21st at the Baldwin High School and the second at the Bellmore Kennedy High School on September 28th, both at 8 P.M.

These courses will both comprise 12 lessons which will be held each Tuesday after starting date from 8 to 10 P.M. These courses will cover subjects such as safe ways to boating enjoyment, an explanation of sailors language, boat handling, legal requirements, rules o the road, aids to navigation and other important subjects.

For further information on these courses call 516-593-6024 during evening hours.

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The Great South Bay Power Squadron is offering to the general public its free basic boating course in the Islip Jr. High School. Registration will be September 23rd and 28th at the Islip High School which is a Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10 P.M. Classes will start on October 5th.

The course will last 10 weeks and will cover many subjects on boating. More information can be obtained by calling Lt. Bob Johnson at 589-6615.

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The Squadron Anglers annual fishing course, "The Secrets of Long Island Fishing," will open Monday night, September 20th at the Valley Stream Memorial Junior High School at Fletcher and Hendrickson Avenue. Time is 7:30

Seven additional lectures, all scheduled for 7:30 P.M. will feature such noted local experts as Dick Mermon, Al Neaman, Al Bentsen and Frankie DeGaetano. Covering all types of local fishing from flounder to shark and from blowfish to bluefish, the lectures will be highlighted by movies and demonstrations, with a special talk on rigs and knots scheduled.

The fee is $13. Registration will take place on opening night. For more information, call Bill Sorger at Su 1-2519.

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The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-4 will offer a free 12 lesson Basic Seamanship Course at Lawrence Sr. High School located on Reilly road off Peninsula Blvd in Cedarhurst.

Fall term class will start Wednesday evening, October 13th at 8:00 P.M. Registration is October 6th and 7th from 8 to 10 P.M. at the High School. Information may be obtained by calling Mr. Feldman at 374-9173.

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The Captree Power Squadron will again conduct their annual Safe Boating Courses this Fall. Registration will be as follows:

Wednesday, September 15th at Lindenhurst Jr. High Cafeteria, 350 So. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday September 21st (Registration and first class) No. Babylon Sr. High School Cafeteris, Deer Park Avenue and Phelps Lane, No. Babylon at 7:30 P.M. All other classes on Monday; and Wednesday, September 22nd at Farmingdale Sr. High Cafeteria, Lincoln Street and Intervale Avenue in So. Farmingdale at 7:30 P.M.

Safety is the name of the game in the free boating instructions offered. The proper operation of all types of boats, including the family out-board is emphasized, and the courses are open to the interested men, women and older teens. It is not necessary to be a boat owner.

Aimed to teach the knowledge required for safe boating, these courses are extensive hard driving sessions

conducted each week by experienced boatmen, for approximately ten weeks and will lay a basic foundation for building boating skills by further study, application and experience.

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The Old Field Point Power Squadron is starting it's free 10 session Basic Boating Classes on Tuesday, the 21st of September at 8:00 P.M. Registration and first lesson given on this date. The Brookhaven High Schools involved are as follows:

Newfield High School in Selden, J.F. Kennedy Jr. High School in Terryville, and Rocky Point High School in Rocky Point. Any further information may be had by calling 588-7330.

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The Great South Bay Power Squadron is offering to the general public its free Basic Boating Course in the Sayville High School. Registration will be held on Monday, September 13th at 8 P.M. Classes will begin on Monday, September 20th. The course will last 10 weeks and will cover subjects on boat handling, seamanship, compass and chart familiarization, running lights, equipment and more. This course is a must for the new boat owner and an excellent refresher to any boat owner who hasn't taken it before.

More information can be obtained by calling Lt. Bob Johnson at 589-6615.

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Flotilla 5-7, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (Man.) will offer an 8 week Safe Boating Course beginning Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 P.M. at the Marine Inspection Office, Battery Park which is next to the Staten Island ferry slip.

This is a free course designed to acquaint reecreational boaters with Seamanship, Rules of the Road, boat handling, etc. Free registration and parking; nominal charge for materials.

To register contact Robert Kaplon, Flotilla Commander, 212-683-9200 or Cecil Jones, Public Relations Officer at 212-341-1941.

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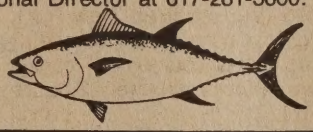
The 1976 season for catching Atlantic Bluefin Tuna weighing over 300 pounds and caught by any means other than purse seines closed at midnight, Thursday September 16th 1976 according to the Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

William G. Gordon, Regional Director of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service announced that the closure pertains only the the area north and east of a line drawn from a point on the southern coast of Massachusetts extending directly south through Gay Head Light into the Atlantic Ocean. The onlyh exception is for those caught incidentally in traps. This closure does not affect the fishery west of the line.

Notice of the closure appeared in the Federal Register on September 14th 1976. The 1976 season for taking Atlantic bluefin tuna between 15-115 pounds by purse seines was closed on June 29th.

For more information contact the Regional Director at 617-281-3600.



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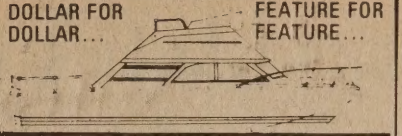

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NATURAL BAITS—
Fishing the Squid

by Frank Berrafato

Most baitfishermen have come to use squid at one time or another. Up until the last few years, it has been readily available at a fairly reasonable price, but the resurgence of Long Island weakfish and fluke has put a heavy demand on this increasingly popular bait, and like everything else, the price of squid has climbed steadily. Tons of squid are sold annually as bait on Long Island.

The bait which we are concerned with is tough and white, and it is able to absorb the shock of many casts. Squids vary in length, usually from 8 to 20 inches in length, and one or two large ones will last the baitfisherman a long time. Most anglers today are only able to obtain the smaller ones.

Once in awhile squids can be found stranded on shore or in shallow water, squirting their ink around to discourage any enemies, and in this condition they can be easily caught with dip nets. But the average angler buys them from bait dealers, tackle stores or fish markets. They can be readily purchased in supermarkets, where they are sold in frozen one pound and smaller containers.

If the fisherman decides to buy his squid fresh, he should immediately freeze or keep the bait on ice. Another way is to clean the squid, cut it into various size strips and pickle them in heavy brine. If kept in a refrigerator in a glass jar, they will last for many weeks.

The squid is common along both our coasts, and they usually travel in schools. They are very strong and agile, and over short distances they are probably the swiftest animals of the sea.

If the angler familiarizes himself with the different parts of the anatomy of the squid, he will be able to use this bait more effectively. Parts such as the head, eyes, pen, tentacles and mantle become important to the angler who is either cleaning the squid or baiting his hook. (See illustration.)

The squid is a cepalopod, a select group of marine mollusks, which includes the familiar octopus, and the unfamiliar cuttlefish and nautilus. As a whole, the group have large and well-developed eyes—important in hunting food and of course, in recognizing other cephalopods. For the angler, the entire head and large eyes can be placed on a hook to entice striped bass or weakfish.

The body of the squid is formed by the mantle, which encloses the gills, gut, and the ink sac. The mantle is thick and muscular (sometimes slightly purplish in appearance), and the flaps on the side of the mantle or body are called fins, and they are an aid in swimming. The mantle is important to the fisherman, since this is the tough, white part used as bait. The thin, purple covering can easily be peeled off.

The shell of the squid is reduced to a soft internal plate—the "pen." This is the transparent length of shell which the angler comes in contact and discards when cleaning a whole squid.

Squids swim by expelling a jet of water through the siphon, controlling the direction of motion by pointing the siphon forward or backward. They are all carnivorous, preying on fish, crustaceans and various small inverte-

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FISHERMAN'S SKETCH OF THE SQUID

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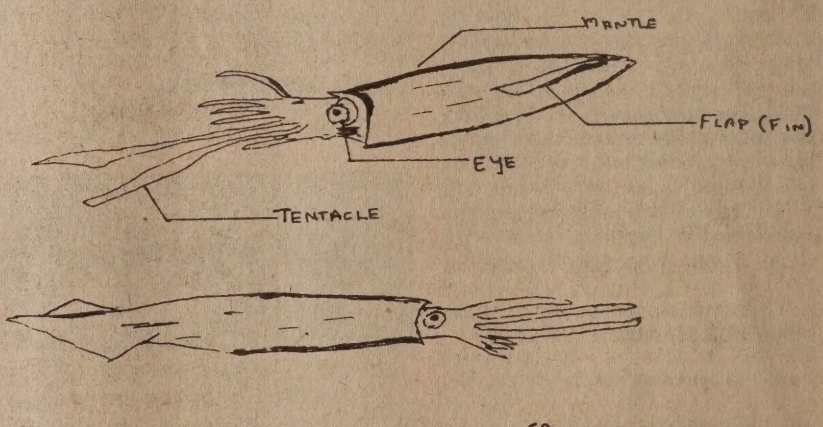

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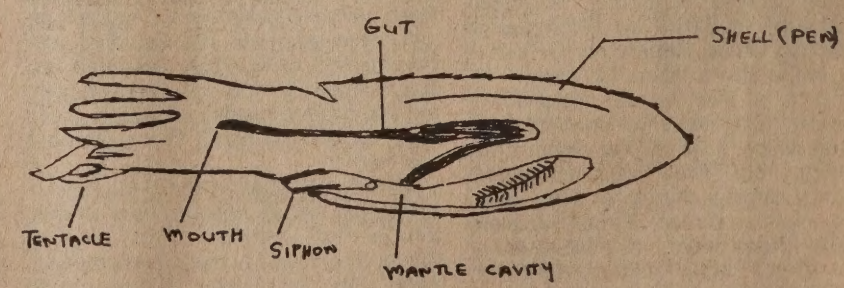

INTERIOR VIEW OF THE SQUID

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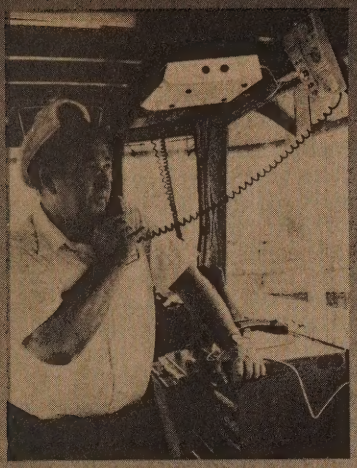

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Surf Side with Ed Sturm

Atlantic Beach Jetties

It may seem strange that a died-in-the wool Jersey jetty jockey would prefer to fish the Atlantic Beach jetties of Long Island's south shore instead of the famous Jersey shore. This strange fact becomes more understandable when you consider the excellent bass fishing at Atlantic Beach. Located at the western end of the Long Beach peninsula and convenient to the Long Island angler as well as his city cousins, these jetties afford some of the best striper fishing to be found in the New York metropolitan area.

The Atlantic Beach jetties start at the East Rockaway Inlet with the ¼ mile long Silver Point Jetty. The smaller jetties dot the shoreline for several miles to the east. With the exception of the Silver Point these jetties are all about 75 yards long. Access to some of the jetties may be a problem because there are numerous private beach clubs along the shore. Some of the proprietors take a dim view of people, even fishermen, trespassing across their lands to reach the jetties. The best place I've found to park is at the end of Atlantic Beach Plaza where there is an entrance to the town beach. This street is located at the foot of the ramp as you come off the Atlantic Beach Bridge. There is ample parking here and your car is safe as the police make frequent patrols of the area from a sub-station located just up the street. As you enter the gate to the beach you are greeted by a sign proclaiming that the beach is open to town residents only. It appears that this regulation is enforced only in the summer. Since striper fishing is predominantly a night time affair and because the best fishing occurs after the summer swimming season there should be no problem getting to the beach here. Daytime fishing in this area is impossible due to the swimmers unless you fish bait on the bottom away from the bathing beaches. Even then you must be a member of a beach club to get in during the daytime. One word of caution though; when plugging from the jetties at night you would be well advised to look closely at the water near them since most of the beach clubs have strung lifelines to the water to keep bathers away from the jetties. These lines, however, are usually removed by the end of September. Once you tie into one of these ropes and lose a five dollar lure you'll be very careful the next time.

Fishing the jetties is done with both natural and artificial baits, with the lures getting the most attention from many of the regulars. I have caught fish with both here, but the majority of my fish have been taken on plugs.

As you enter the gate, I suggest you walk to your right and go two jetties west to the last jetty before Silver Point. Begin fishing at this jetty. This jetty is in reality the first of the Atlantic Beach jetties, since it is almost a mile walk to the Silver Point jetty. More about the Silver Point jetty later.

This first jetty has deep water on the west side and there are many old pilings about 100 yards off the rocks. You will also find white water between the jetty, the pilings, and the beach. Many school stripers and also a few of the very respectable size have come from this area. Cast your offering towards the pilings and retrieve it through the white water and back to the jetty. It is important that you continue working your lure right up to the side of the jetty as many a bass will gobble it up right next to the jetty as you are about to lift it out of the water. A few casts into this area should tell you whether or not there is a bass lurking about. If after several casts you have no customers move further out toward the end of the jetty.

About half way out, the side of the jetty has crumbled into the sea leaving an area strewn with rocks. This is a prime area for linesides. You will have better results if you fan your casts from the jetty. Make your first few casts at right anglers to the jetty and then to either side of this line. Don't forget to make a few casts parallel with the jetty and as close to it as possible. Many bass will lie in wait right next to the rocks waiting for an unsuspecting bait fish to swim by. Continue this method out to the end of the jetty. Although most fish are caught off the sides of the jetty, don't ignore the tip. You could connect with a striper that is just passing through. After you work the tip of the jetty start working your way back toward the shore on the opposite side. By fishing in this manner it should take you about twenty minutes to cover the jetty thoroughly. If there are no takers on this jetty, head east to the next one which is about 200 yards away. It is this second jetty and the third one to the east where I have had the most success over the years. The same technique is used at all the small jetties. That is, work the jetty methodically. The best spots here seem to be just behind the breakers in the white water.

When walking from one jetty to the next it's always a good idea to make a few casts from the beach. You can pick up an occasional fish this way. If, after fishing several jetties you still haven't scored, there is always the Silver Point Jetty. Many times when I haven't been able to connect on the smaller jetties I've made the mile long treck to Silver Point and been well rewarded for it.

This jetty is on property owned by the County of Nassau and leased to two beach clubs. It is sometimes possible to drive through the gate to the beach clubs during the evening in late summer if you can convince the guard that you only want to fish. However, after September 15th, the gate is locked at 6 P.M. and even members can't get in. Then the only access is from the town beach and a long walk. Many times this walk has been worth the effort.

The Silver Point jetty is much higher than the others and probably produces a little better. During the fall, stripers can almost always be found in the wash near the beach. The jetty is on the East Rockaway Inlet, and although both sides can be fished, my best results have been from the east side. The west side is the channel and the water there is almost 60 feet deep.

Equipment to use on this jetty and all the Atlantic Beach jetties can vary to suit

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the angler's taste. I like a 9½ foot medium action rod and use a Garcia 386 with 15 lb. mono. Select a good quality mono or you'll quickly be disappointed because the rocky jetties will quickly ruin a cheap line.

My favorite lure here, and the one that has accounted for 85 percent of the fish taken is the 7½ inch Redfin. Best color is silver. The silver Rebel has worked for me too, but the difference in action between the Rebel and Redfin seems to make a difference to the bass around the jetties. Other good lures are the Atom 40, Atom Jr., big Danny plugs, and eelskin plug lures. Work all lures as slow as possible. A short gaff is a must here, because it is not always possible to beach the fish, but you can always climb down the side of the jetty to gaff him. I would suggest golf rubbers be worn over your waders, because many of the jetties are very slippery. Do not use creepers that strap on. The straps have a tendency to wear through on the rocks and a dangling creeper could very well result in broken bones from a fall. For nightime fishing don't forget your necklight too.

For the bottom fisherman the best all around bait seems to be skimmer clams, although sand worms work better from Silver Point. Shedder and calico crabs are better yet, when available. Don't forget bunker and eels during the fall run.

The best times to fish Atlantic Beach seem to be dusk and dawn. I like to arrive about an hour before sundown and fish for several hours after, or start fishing about an hour before sunrise and fish until A.M.

The tide really doesn't seem to matter here, but I've taken more fish on the incoming tide. About two hours before high tide to an hour after. If you are fortunate enough to have a high tide coincide with dawn or dusk your chances will be that much better. Try to stay away from dead low. Some of the jetties don't have enough water around them to fish. The exception to this is Silver Point, which is better on the outgoing tide because of all the baitfish and other morsels that are swept by the tide out of the inlet. This jetty, because it is so long can be fished at any stage of the tide.

As the fall striper migration rapidly approaches why not consider The Atlantic Beach jetties. I have never seen them crowded and many times I've never seen any fishing reports written about this area, which probably accounts for the fact that not too many fish there. But rest assured that if the bass are on the Island's south shore they are at Atlantic Beach, too. Maybe more of them.

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It is my firm belief that sinker bouncers wishing to become outstanding fishermen should have as much background knowledge as possible pertaining to their finny quarry. As anyone who has been fishing awhile will readily admit, there is more to this fishing game than sinking a hook into some unwary fish's mouth.

Without fail, every master fisherman I know has so much piscatorial information stored in his fish-oriented brain, that it is difficult indeed to discern where the scholar ends and the layman begins. Unquestionably, this is one of the reasons these dedicated anglers are such fine fishermen. Should you get one of these experts warmed up on his favorite subject, I guarantee the information you receive will positively amaze you.

As the blackfish season is at hand, it is perhaps well if we delve into the life cycle of this much sought after game fish; and game fish is no misnomer. Should you doubt this, ask any fisherman who has wrestled a bulldog black to the surface.

Fortunately for the interested fisherman, blackfish are wide spread, their coastal range being fairly extensive, running from the Virginia Capes to Nova Scotia; the greatest abundance being from Long Island to New Jersey. Blackfish aren't migratory in the true sense of the word, as are cod and mackerel, for instance. But it has been established that blackfish do have a definite inshore and offshore movement, which is governed by a need for cool water temperatures. They are seldom found in great numbers in water much deeper than the 100 foot zone. Most offshore blacks seem to favor the 60 foot range. North of Long Island, however, blacks are found inshore all summer long.

Depending upon the area fished, and because of the lack of precise nomenclature, most fish are known by more than one name—which can indeed be difficult for the beginner. The blackfish is no exception in this respect. Should you hear New England fishermen praising the fighting ability of the tautog, don't sharpen up your hooks in anticipation of a new fish on your angling horizon. It's only our friend the blackfish being identified by its Indian name. The same applies to the Chesapeake Bay area, where the names black porgy, chub, salt water chub, white chin, and moss are often used. To the fishery scientist, the name Tautoga onitis is used to keep the records accurate. But we fishermen from the Long Island, New Jersey area are content to settle for the unassuming descriptive name of blackfish.

But at times even this description can be deceptive as the color can range from dull black to greenish black, or brownish above, with more or less distinct, irregular, dark bars or blotches. These bars and blotches are most noticeable in immature fish. In fact, scientists recognize two color patterns; one being plain black, and the other having irregular blackish or brownish bars on a pale background.

Fishermen would find it difficult to mistake a blackfish, however, as its stubby muscular body is shared by no other local fish. Nature has designed this fish for living around reefs, old wreckage rock piles, ledges and pilings around decaying piers and wharves, and she has done her job well. Wherever barnacles, mussels, and various crustaceans of suitable size are found, there you will find blackfish. The skin is tough and slippery, enabling the fish to swim in and out, and around these cluttered areas with ease. The scales are deeply imbedded in the skin, as any fishermen who has attempted to remove them will admit. While not a schooling fish, they have the annoying habit, from the fisherman's viewpoint, of browsing over a selected feeding area, much like a flock of sheep. Should the angler miss just such a spot by several feet, few will be his reward.

The average blackfish caught in local waters will weigh around two pounds, although much larger fish can be expected in a good day's fishing. Eight to ten pounders are not uncommon, especially throughout Long Island Sound, the Montauk area, and in Rhode Island waters. The U. S. National Museum in Washington has a commercially caught black weighing 22½ pounds and 36½ inches long. This record holder was taken in 1876 in New York Harbor which makes it quite a mark on which to set your sights.

June is the big spawning month for blackfish in the Long Island, New Jersey area. When water temperatures are most favorable for successful spawning, it is common to see scores of mature blacks gamboling near the surface at this time. These are the boys chasing the girls, doing what comes naturally--propagating the species. They perform this ritual quite well, for no female is

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permitted to return to the ocean floor until all her eggs are expelled. I've watched this phenomenon on occasion and if there is such a thing as piscatorial rape, somebody down there should throw the keys away on these boys. Depending on size of each female, eggs often number in the hundreds of thousands; the larger the fish, naturally, the more eggs it is capable of producing. Needless to say, they do not feed at this time.

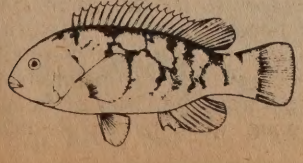
The fish are not paired, as one might commonly suppose. Each large male is fully capable of fertilizing the entire egg yield from as many as eight and ten females. Nature leaves nothing to chance, and this being so, it is one of the reasons some authorities believe the ratio of ten females to any one male in the fish world is quite common. Some believe the ratio is more nearly twelve to one, but we won't split hairs. Just remember for every white-chinned male you can catch, there are ten or twelve of the more gentler sex down there ready and willing to do battle with you.

The eggs are buoyant, have no oil globule, like so many other fish, and are about 1/25 of an inch in diameter. They hatch in 42 to 45 hours at a needed temperature of 68 to 72 degrees, and undoubtedly many perish under adverse weather conditions, as blackfish are highly susceptible to severe fluctuations in water temperature.

Those that make it are approximately 1/212 of an inch at hatching. The nourishing yolk sac is completely absorbed by the time the infant reaches about 1/8 inch in length. Its small, leather-like mouth, equipped with those noticeable front teeth, is completely formed by then. At 3/8 of an inch, many of the characteristics of the adult fish are already evident.

Growth is fairly rapid, and fish from 3 to 6 inches are thought to be one year old. Weight also varies as one fish 13 inches long may weigh a pound and a half, and another of 14 inches may only be slightly over 3/4 pound. This is because some blackfish are much deeper in body than others; whether this is due to a separate strain of fish is not known. From my own personal observation, I find that female fish tend to show this particular characteristic.

You are now in possession of a little extra information on the pugnacious blackfish. If you make a point to remember some of it, I can guarantee you will amaze some of your fellow fishermen any time you care to. And for some reason, perhaps psychology, you'll catch more fish, too.



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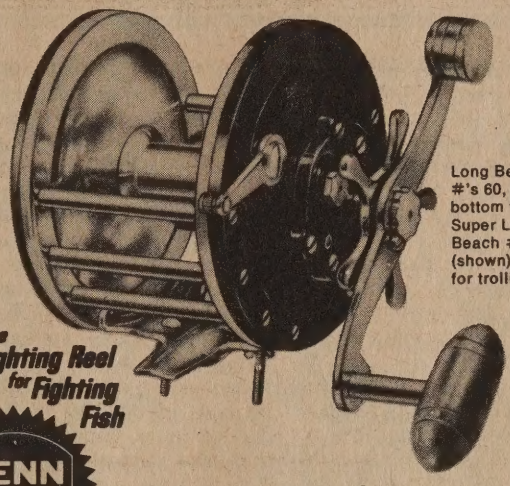

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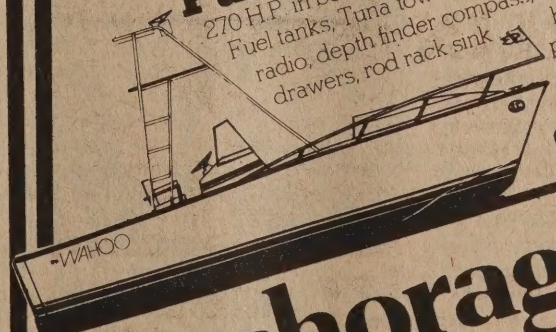

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OPINIONS & ANSWERS

by Capt. Ronnie Lepper

Question: Donald McKernan, Hollis
Where is the best place to gaff a fish when fishing from a boat? I have read and heard so many different opinions that I am totally confused. I am talking about striped bass and bluefish. My friends and myself decided to abide by your decision.

Number one, I feel the best place to gaff a fish is wherever you can. I have never been a fancy gaffer, but miss very few fish. All of the fancy gaffers I have met were large on advice but short on experience. The only time I change my gaffing method is in tournament fishing. Here I try my best, but not for too long, to gaff these fish in the mouth keeping the bleeding and weight loss to a minimum. I find that a 2" hook on a 6' handle to be a perfect combination for that type of fishing. Pompanette makes a beautiful model to those exact standards.

Question: William Balfe, Brooklyn
I would like to buy a gill net to catch bunkers for striped bass fishing. Where can I buy one? What should I buy? I have never used a net before and could use some advice.

A net can be obtained from Long Island Fish Net Supply Co, located at 142 Railroad Avenue, Sayville. The price used to be between $1.00 and $1.50 per running foot. I suggest a net of 150 feet if you are fishing alone or one of 300 feet if you will have help in pulling it. Most of the nets run approximately 14 feet deep with the sinking model outfishing the floating model most of the time. Floating a 300 foot gill net looks easy to the novice eye but be assured it's not as there are lots of do's and don'ts too numerous to mention. Be sure the net is made of mono not nylon as mono is far superior. Another thing you must be aware of is the fact that gill net fishing is illegal in many areas and must be licensed in others. Actual arrests and very heavy fines are the end product to fellows who ignore these laws.

Question: Leon Zolansky, Shinnecock
I have been trolling school tuna, albacore and bonito for many years with good success and figured that I was pretty well informed. Last season I saw another boat outfishing me badly on football sized tuna and could not understand why. I was covering the same area that he was with feathers and jigs that had caught many fish yet these same lures went fishless as he continued to catch one after the other. I made a very close pass by the other boat hoping to see what he was using and thought I saw wire line. Could wire line be the reason that he was doing so well? I have never heard of trolling wire in this type of fishing, I always thought that mono and dacron were the only lines used.

Not using wire is one of the biggest mistakes made by the majority of offshore fishermen. I'm not saying that it is the best way of fishing only that it has caught fish at times when nothing else would work. I have personally made excellent catches of tuna, albies, bonito and dolphin using wire lines and heavy drails when all other proven methods had failed. I do not use jigs or feathers on the wire as I have found through trial and error that small spoons were far superior.

My trolling system is to use two wire lines along with 5 other mono rods giving me 5 surface lures and two deep ones. I have experienced multiple hook ups many times only after fish had been hooked on the wire rigs. It seemed as though the fish that were hooked 20 to 25 feet deep on the wire would bring the school right up with them. Wire has bailed out many a trolling day for me and I swear by it. My most successful set up was 125 feet of .025 monel wire with an 8 oz. drail ahead of a 10 foot 50 lb. test mono leader.

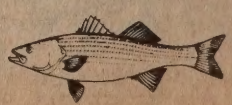
Question: Tony Feddellis, Manhatten
Although I have been a surf fisherman for years I plan to buy a boat this coming season. Most of my fishing will be for striped bass around the south shore of Long Island. I would like to equip the boat with a good but not too expensive depth recorder fish finder. What type you suggest?

There are many types of recorders on the market today with most of them claiming to put more fish in your box. Beware! First of all if you want a fish finder as well as a depth recorder I strongly suggest that you go to a graph paper machine or a combination graph and flasher. I find the combination models much more useful as you can use the flaser for navigation and the paper for locating fish. Graph paper is pretty expensive so limiting its use to fishing cuts the cost in half. As your main fish is bass, I advise you to stay away from the white line, straight line or grey line recorders for more reasons than one. Cost on the white line type machine is very high along with the fact that you do not need its white line (fine bottom readings) benefits. You should be more concerned with clarity and definition in low water (under 100 feet.).

The big machines shine in deep water over wrecks or hard on the bottom readings none of which are important to a bass fisherman. A good paper machine that reads 60 to 100 feet is all you need as these shallow scales give you more space between depth lines enabling you to see more than you would with the big machines whose lines are 1/16 or less apart. The lines on the shallow type are almost ¼" apart giving much clearer readings in that lower water. Learning how to interpret what you see is another very important point that will take time. Once you establish what the readings are through catching them or seeing them, mark it on the graph paper. Go over known bars or wrecks and see how they read while also marking the paper. After you finish the roll cut the paper into page size pieces and paste in a notebook keeping it on the boat for future reference.

Question: Walter Hilmer, Bayside
I would like some advice on fiberglassing the bottom of my 1957 23 foot Luhrs sea skiff as the boat leaks badly. I have tried all known remedies short of replacing the bottom planks without success. How do you feel about glassing the bottom up to the waterline?

My feelings are negative on glassing the bottom as I have never seen a glass job on an old wooden lapstrake boat hold up. It will cost you a lot of money and time to whip a dead horse. The bottom planks on most of those old wooden skiffs are usually loaded with oil, making a good glass job almost impossible. Aside from the bottom leaking, you probably have a few popped rivits and some broken ribs. If you feel you must spend money on a tired boat take it to a reputable boat yard for an estimate on bottom repairs making sure to stay away from glassing.



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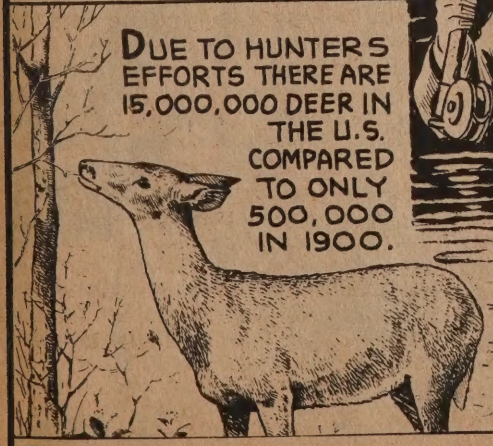

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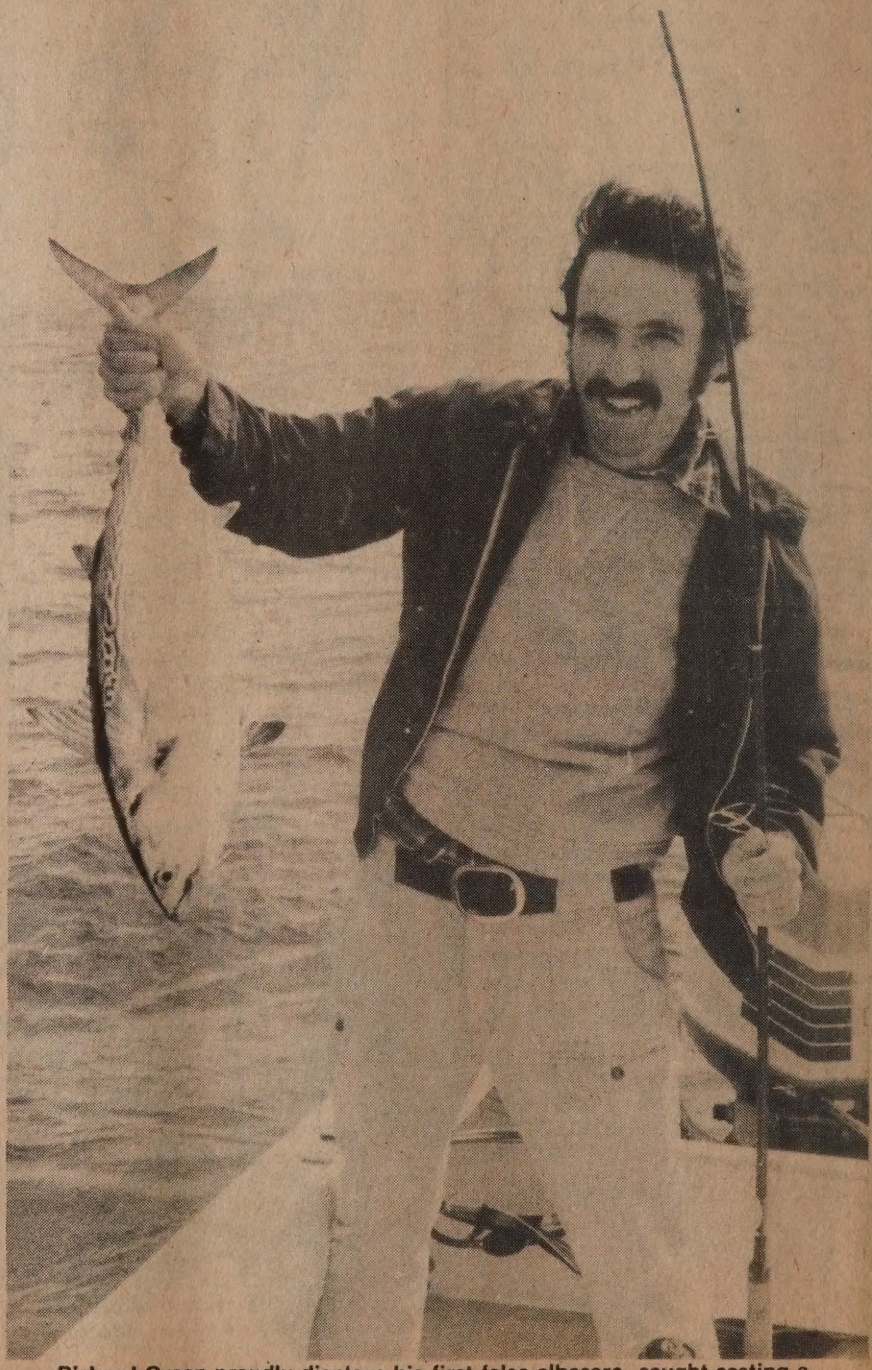
September is the month that brings a number of strangers to New York-New Jersey waters. Some are regulars that show up every year, while others just pop in on us occasionally. Because they aren't part of the standard angling fare in the area, many anglers have a hard time identifying their catch. Hopefully, this article will clear up some of the confusion.

The most common of the tropical visitors is the false albacore. Few fish are afflicted with so many names. The two most common are particularly negative—false albacore and little tuna. As it turns out, neither is even very descriptive. The fish in question is not an albacore or tuna, but rather a bonito. Though all of these species are in the same family, the false albacore is most closely related to the many other species of bonito that inhabit most of the world's waters. Indeed, in the south Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, this species is simply referred to as "bonito."

Dr. Ed Migdalski suggested that the false albacore be called Atlantic spotted bonito, a name that would be descriptive and also not carry any negative connotation. Unfortunatley, it never caught on, and I suppose I'll have to go along with "false albacore" just so everyone will know what I'm referring to! Nevertheless, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, and no negative name can take away from the fact that the false albacore is the toughest fish you'll find in our inshore waters!

Three species of bonito are found in out waters. Many anglers have a hard time distinguishing them, but they're really quite different. Both the false albacore and oceanic bonito are football-shaped, while the Atlantic (green) bonito is slim. False albacore are distinguished by the spots they invariably sport around the pectoral fin. There are no other markings on the lower half of the body and the spots are a dead giveaway. There may be many or just a few; they may be prominent or quite faded; but they'll be there! The oceanic bonito is easily distinguished by its 'pajama pants" or "convict" stripes. The slimmer green bonito has green stripes along its body.



Richard Green proudly displays his first false albacore, caught casting a half ounce bucktail jig off the south shore of Montauk.

Oceanic bonito are an offshore species and not too common in our area. They're listed as skipjack tuna by the I.G.F.A. and grow to 40 pounds, though the local average would be in the 8-15 lb. class. The other two bonito are inshore species. Green bonito appear in July and are caught in fair numbers into the fall. Wire line trollers catch them frequently while bluefishing, especially when using umbrella rigs. They average 5-6 pounds and, unlike their cousins, are good eating without any special preparation. False albacore average 6-15 pounds and like the oceanic bonito, have red, bloody meat that doesn't suit the American palate unless specially prepared (blanching and boiling to turn into salad stock.)

False albacore are the last of the bonitos to arrive. Like other tropical and semi-tropical species, they wait for the water temperature to peak in late August or early September before flooding into the region. Surprisingly, they aren't discouraged by the first northeaster—even the first few. Almost invariably they'll stick around until early or mid-October at Montauk, and sometimes even late along the Jersey coast.

False albacore can be the simplest fish to catch or the most frustrating. They'll often hit indiscriminately on feathers and cedar jigs trolled at tuna speed. Indeed, party boat anglers frequently troll a line on the way from inlets to bluefish grounds and manage to stop the boat several times in order to avoid being stripped by a hard charging albacore. In chum lines they can be super fussy, forcing the angler to resort to tiny hooks and no wire leaders at times; and yet there are other occasions when they'll take live ling or whiting being fished on heavy leaders for giant tuna! As a general rule, the angler observing false albacore in a chum slick should tie a small hook directly to light mono and hook the bait so it will drift back naturally. Spearing are usually best and should be hooked through the eyes. Let the baited line flow back on slack line with a charge of chum and strike back instantly when an albacore makes a mistake. The important point to remember in fooling albacore is making the bait look natural. Smaller spearing will usually be accepted better than large specimens and, since hiding the hook in such small baits will make them look unnatural, the exposed hook in the baits eye sockets works best.

Catching false albacore by trolling, or in chum slicks, is great sport as the fish are extremely fast and fight to their last ounce of strength. However, the most challenging aspect of the fishery is casting to them. Vast schools of false albacore are found off the Jersey and Long Island coasts at this time of year chasing small baitfish and attracting hundreds of terns. Anglers pot this feverish activity and promptly present a bombardment of lures, usually to no avail. These albacore are almost invariably feeding on tiny baitfish, usually referred to as "rainfish" (due to their habit of showering out of the water when chased.) Nothing being thrown at them resembles the rainfish and the albacore continue to go about their business of loading up on the tiny, but readily abundant prey.

It's true that these false albacore will occasionally hit almost any lure you can think of. A couple of years ago, I was hosting Jerry Gibbs and Vin Sparano of "Outdoor Life" at Montauk and each caught an albacore on a large lure. Jerry got his on a popper and Vin connected on a blind cast with a big Rebel. Last fall I hit one on a 1½ oz. Gibbs Pencil Popper and missed another on a Junior Atom. Trollers also pick up a few on umbrella rigs, but there just doesn't seem to be any consistent method of attracting these fish.

The one technique which I've found to

Frank Lovello with a triggerfish he caught off Montauk last summer. He's holding it by the trigger which erects the dorsal fin.

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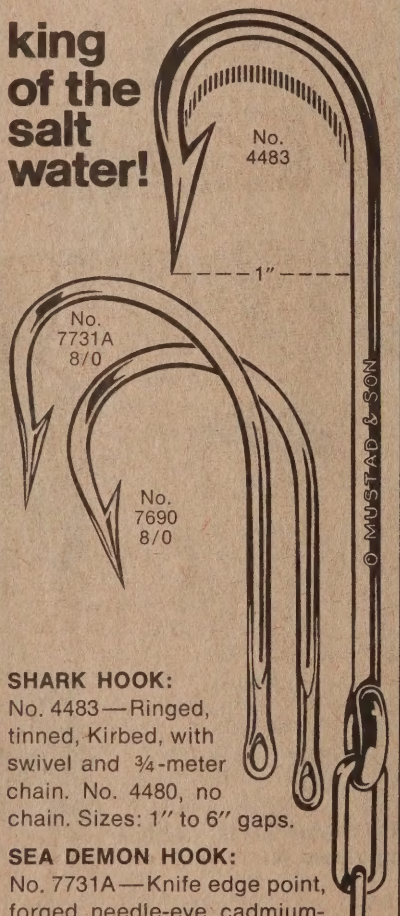

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be reasonably rewarding is casting small jigs (bucktail or bait tail) in front of the feeding fish and retrieving as fast as I can turn the handle. It sounds simple and it does work, but even this method often results in frustration as the albacore shoot away at the last moment, or hit short. In order to have any chance at all you've got to chase the fish. False albacore aren't boat shy and you can practically run down the school without discouraging them in their quest. Invariably, they'll be moving fast and you'll have to judge the schools speed and direction in order to get in front of them just before they arrive. Your jig should be tied directly to the line and must be placed within inches of the advancing fish. Then, just crank as fast as you can! Don't jig or try to impart any action to the lure—speed is the important factor. If the albacore gets a look at the lure he'll pass it up. You've got to make him take it by instinct.

When albacore schools are numerous, I can usually at least get a few follows or short strikes and frequently catch a couple. However, it's a very frustrating business, as I may make a dozen "perfect" casts before getting a hit—and making those "perfect" casts requires a lot of running around with the boat! Certainly this is no sport for the meat fisherman. The fish are barely edible and virtually worthless, yet they are undoubtedly the greatest challenge to the skill of an angler in our inshore waters. If you want to prove your worth as an angler, try this fishing!

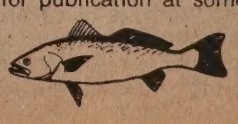
On rare occasions, you may even find false albacore somewhat accomodating. This happened to me once last September. I had been doing well casting for blues and stripers and had invited Richard Green, of Hackensack N.J., a department manager for Herman's Sporting Goods, to fish with me. Unfortunately, he arrived to be greeted by a 20 mph northeaster. After watching it blow for awhile, we decided to give it a try and beat our way around to the south shore. Everything looked dead until I got to Ditch Plains. There, schools of albacore were chasing bait and I soon started chasing them. To my great surprise, they hit fairly well and in a couple of hours, we managed to boat six—despite the rough seas. Even though Richard is a relatative beginner, he got off a couple of perfect casts and boated one albacore. The other broke off after a 15 minute fight. Richard's caught many bigger fish, but realizing the difficulty involved in this type of fishing, he was really proud about that albacore.

The reason those fish were so cooperative showed up when we gutted those that fought so hard, they died before we could release them. Not only were they full of rainfish, but also small squid and a long, anchovey-like fish. I hope you'll find the false albacore one of those rare days when they're really striking, but in any case, give them a try whenever you see the green backs showing in the wave crests. You'll be amazed at their 100 yard runs and incredible endurance. Also don't forget that this species was added to the I.G.F.A. list last year. The records are still pretty low!

Though the false albacore is the only tropical or semi-tropical species that moves into our waters in great numbers, we do see many other species during the late summer and fall. Scattered spanish and king mackerel are taken by trollers inshore, while dolphin often follow warm water far enough inshore to become available to tuna trollers. I caught a 17 pounder while chumming tuna in the Mud Hole a few years ago, and that wasn't even a very unusual catch that year. Anglers fishing the canyons regularly catch such tropical gamesters as yellowfin, blackfin and big-eye tuna, blue marlin, wahoo, dolphin, and true albacore. Late August saw a surprise run of 25-35 lb. long-finned albacore (the same fish that is canned as the most expensive form of light meat tuna) at Montauk. The amazing thing was that the albacore were being taken as close as eight miles south of Block Island.

By late August, reports were also coming in of large catches of lafayettes around Staten Island. Further south, this small fish is known as the spot and is a favorite panfish. One pound is considered to be a giant for this species. Croakers are making a comeback in Delaware Bay and we may start seeing them further north in the near future. Last year we had exceptionally warm waters in the fall and the oddities refused to leave. In August, Frank Lovello came up with a triggerfish as we were porgy fishing off Montauk. I never expected to see another one, though I heard several were caught on party boats. My last day at Montauk last fall was November 6th, I'd been checking the south shore for surfacing bass and blues and came upon some blues at the New Grounds, off Hither Hills. After they went down, I decided to use up some very old squid by catching some sea bass for supper. In the midst of catching the sea bass I got a hard strike and boated, of all things, a 3 lb. triggerfish!

The odd visitors to our shores make for interesting early fall fishing. No one has really kept track of the many tropicals that visit us during the season, but the total tally must really be impressive (I also caught a small amberjack while bottom fishing last Sept.) Drop me a line about your odd catches and we'll work up a list for publication at some future date.

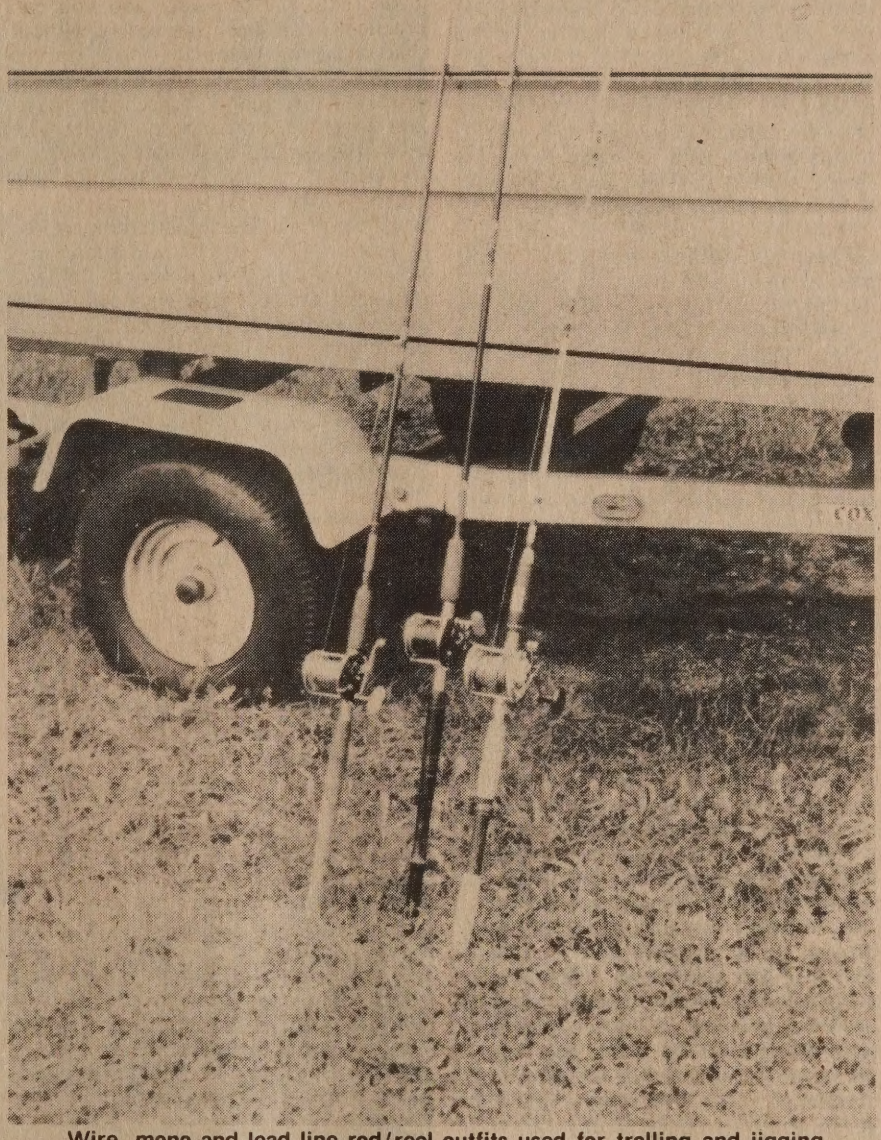


Eaton's Neck Blues

by Don Avondolio

Along the north shore coastline, moving from New York City towards Orient Point, are several enormous peninsulas of land projecting out into Long Island Sound. These geographical profiles serve as feeding grounds for blues and other predator fishes because of the nature of their underwater topography. Tidal changes create currents that pass in and out of the surrounding rocky, shoal characteristic type areas common to peninsulas. Baitfish, sand eels, bunker and other popular attractors sought by bluefish can be found throughout these areas feeding on plankton and microscopic sealife. Tidal turbulences, created by water moving over rocks, dropoffs, and shoals, acts as a component capturing and helplessly tossing baitfish etc. into locations harboring blues and other hungry gamefish.

Eatons Neck is one of these characteristic peninsulas of land, located near the Huntington, Long Island area, which also is the home base of the Eatons Neck Coast Guard Station. The immediate area surrounding Eatons Neck is comprised of scattered rocks, ridges, bars and other bottom irregularities such as those mentioned previously. Within a few hundred yards from land, water depths range from 7 to 13 feet (at mean low water), while halfway over to the Connecticut side of the Sound, water depths range from 20 feet to 190 feet. This particular area reports one of the largest tidal ranges (maximum) from high to low of approximately 8 feet, which is important to know when figuring the water depth. The excessive turbulence which causes upheavel of baitfish, etc., is the prime reason for bluefish inhabiting this location. Blues are offered unusually deep water resting grounds while within a few hundred yards varying bottom formations create ideal feeding grounds.



Wire, mono and lead line rod/reel outfits used for trolling and jigging deep.

I have personally fished these grounds during the past 10 years and even though bluefish quantities have significantly dropped off in the last 2 years, I feel that Eatons Neck offers exciting bluefishing especially in the fall season. Bluefish of 8 to 13 pounds are common and lunkers in excess of 18 pounds are caught each season. The bluefish appearance into Long Island Sound is announced by reports of either eastern or western fish catches. Even now, at the time of this writing catches of blues have been reported at the eastern Race, the western Hemstead Harbor locale, and at the Middle Grounds. Recently, a charter boat from New Rochelle was recorded to have caught 700 to 1,000 blues in one trip near Mattituck. If my bluefish timetable of the past years is accurate, then we can expect steady action at Eatons Neck about late August to early September and throughout October if the weather cooperates. Sporadic catches are always present throughout the late summer, though these fish are usually in the medium weight category.

As shown in sketch 1 showing an aerial view of the major shoals and rocky areas, we can see that 4 buoys are visible for ranging and locating. Closest to Eatons Neck is the black can #13 which marks the outermost extremity of the broken shoal bottom formations. On the east side of Eatons Neck are large rocky patches starting at the point and running south to almost the east bar. This bar, 18 feet at mean low water, is one location to be fished by trolling or drifting. Rips are prominently visible on the surface north

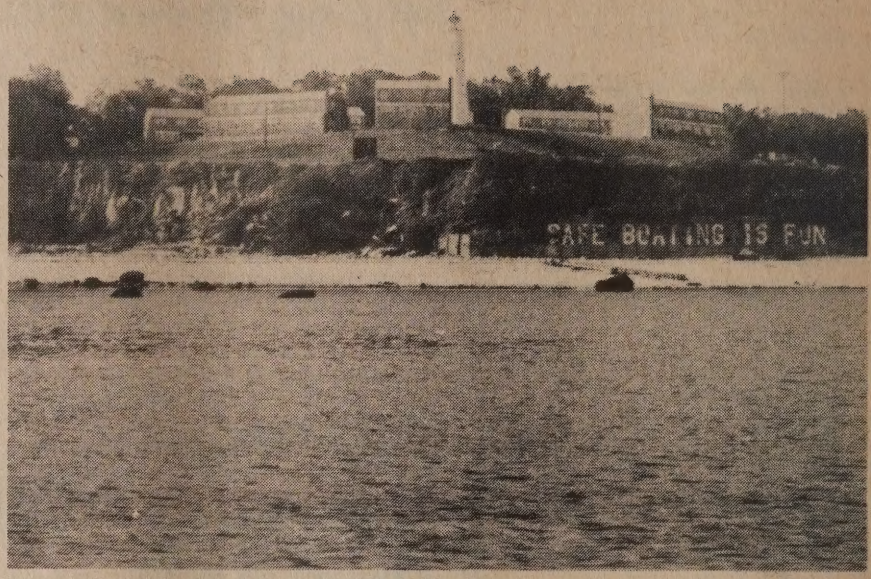
and west of this bar at outgoing water. Trolling or drifting through these rips can sometimes produce large fish on the downtide side. I usually troll 100 to 125 feet of wire or four to five colors of lead line from a west to east direction at incoming tide and opposite direction on an ebb tide. By swinging your boat into a north or south direction at the end of the troll, your lure will drop into one of the holes or troughs common to this location. You might lose a few lures during this procedure, but the opportunity can pay off with a lunker size blue. With regard to this inshore area, I would suggest a careful study of the rocky area at low tide before attempting a troll initially.

The 11B bell buoy lies midway between Connecticut and Long Island shore almost north of the lighthouse. A narrow shoal, roughly 22 feet deep, is located from this buoy to almost a mile south. Blues are usually located to the right of this shoal during outgoing tide and to the left on incoming tide. I favor trolling a wire line pattern starting from can 13 to 11B almost on the dropoff line for consistent results. But on weekends, or during heavy fishing traffic this pattern should be discouraged. Accordingly, most boats will pattern their troll to a east (incoming tide) or west (outgoing tide) direction over a portion of this shoal in a cooperative manner. I usually peel out 100 to 200 feet of wire at 5 knots speed or slightly better. Again, hangups on this shoal are possible, so keep your rod in hand for better control and lift it quickly if any bottom obstruction is felt. Often that bottom obstruction is a bluefish so be prepared. Also remember that trolling a lure snagged with grass, kelp, etc., will only decrease your chance of catching fish. So check and clean your lure occasionally.

Northwest of buoy 13 is the red/black obstruction buoy located almost centrally over a 16 foot deep shoal. This shoal is almost directly in the path of outgoing water originating in Huntington and Northport Bay. Thus when ebb tide is prevalent on the north side a possibility of bluefish exists. The shoal drops from 20 feet to 50 feet on the south side which can be easily fished by trolling or by drifting during the incoming tide in a southeastern direction from this obstruction buoy. A 26 foot average depth narrow bottom formation (bar) runs almost in a direction lining up to buoy 13. Trolling this bottom bar along the dropoff edge on a course parallel from the red/black buoy to 13 is another excellent potential for catching blues.

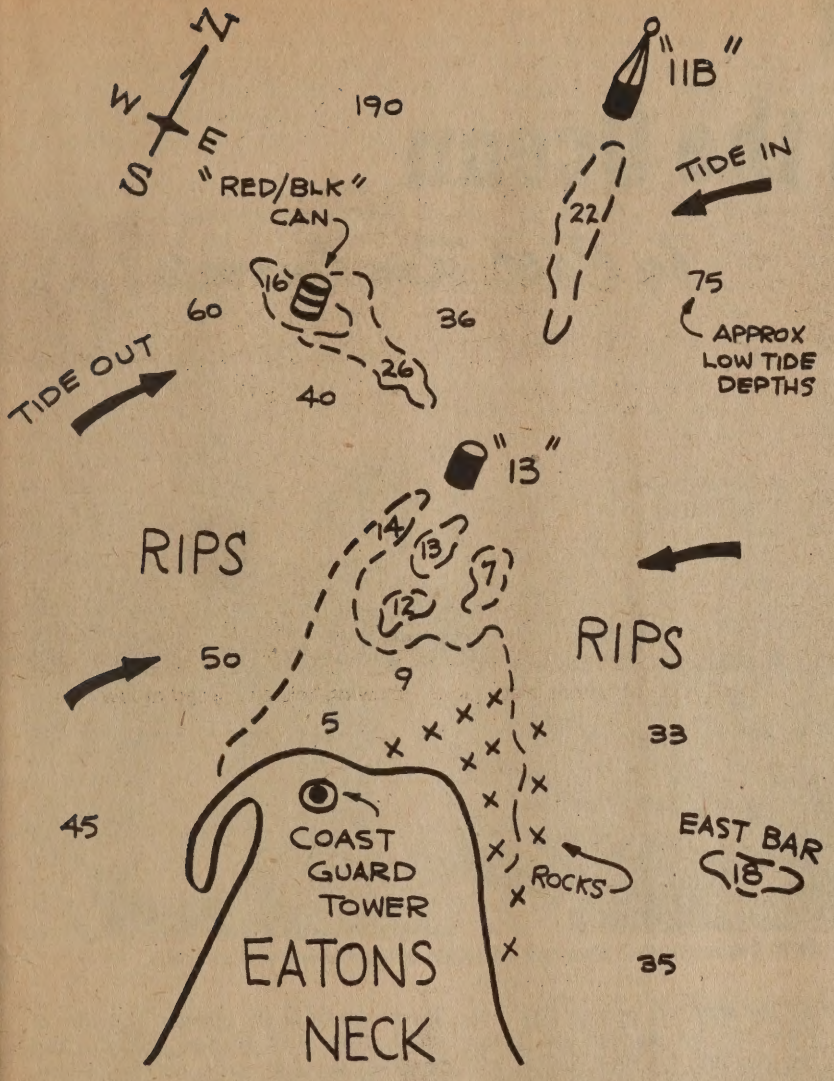
As you noticed, I have been discussing the fishing locations of Eatons Neck by trolling techniques. I did this only to illustrate the areas more accurately and also because this is one of the most common methods used by fishermen in this locale. I like to troll to locate fish and then switch to jigging with a diamond or bucktail jig with pork rind. For real excitement when bunker schools are in the vicinity, I use chunk or whole live bunkers for catching these sport fish. When anchoring for blues with chunks, I find that sometimes using a bottom rig with a 10 ounce sinker attached presents the bait more attractively and results in more successful catches.

One experience fishing last year at Eatons Neck remains in my mind among the rest. It was late September and several boats were trolling in circles around the obstruction buoy in a regimented order. By using my binoculars, I noticed that one cabin cruiser was wire lining a blue almost on every pass north west of this buoy. I cruised alongside of this boat and asked the fisherman how much wire he was using. He replied in a friendly manner "500



Northeast side of Eatons Neck Point, showing rocks exposed at low tide.

View of bell buoy "11B".



feet." Any fishermen could conclude that the blues were deep, just off the bottom. My fishing partner and I changed to 4 oz. diamond jigs with a 6 inch long wire leader and started a jigging drift procedure. Within one half hour we had fought and landed 12 blues averaging 8 pounds, and 1 weakfish of about 7 pounds. Exciting moments were had, thanks to the troller for revealing his fish location.

Fishing tackle for the Eatons Neck area varies per the individual, but for fall fishing for blues I lean toward heavy tackle. On each boat trip to the Eatons Neck area, I bring along 3 rod and reel outfits. For deep trolling a 3/0 type conventional reel (fast retrieve ratio) with 300 feet of wire line; a smaller reel with lead core line with 300 feet for shallow trolling and another reel with 300 yards of 30 to 40 pound test mono for bunker chunking or diamond jigging. The wire and lead line reels each contain 100 yards of dacron backing. Also on the end of the line I use 10 feet (30 pound test) mono leader with 50 lb. test snap swivel. The rods used with these three reels are medium to heavy action and six to seven feet long. A roller or carbide tip is necessary for the wire line rod.

For bluefish trolling, I have had consistent results with the 1-½ or 2 ounce Tri-Fin eel or eel worm with a red coloring. For slow fishing periods, I use a multi-arm umbrella or coathanger rig with mixed red or black tube colors. Attach your surgical tubes to the rig arms with 6 inches of 40 to 60 pound test mono for best effect. Blues sometimes shy away when tubes are attached directly to the arms.

A few suggested tips when fishing the Eatons Neck area are as follows: A. Invest in a depth recorder. A moderately priced flasher type is adequate for pinpointing edges and dropoffs of shoals. B. Try inshore fishing near the rocks at dawn and dusk. Casting Rebel style plugs into shallow, rocky areas with a fast retrieve sometimes catches a wary blue. C. When trolling a shoal initially, place your lure almost on the bottom until you feel bumping. Mark your line and reel in and clean your lure of bottom debris it may have picked up. Then return to the depth as marked. D. If boats are scattered, trolling in different directions,—fishing is slow. Drift your boat and spot with binoculars until fish catches are sighted. Sometimes blues are located deep at certain particular areas. E. Use shore point objects (towers, houses, rocks, etc.) for ranging when fish are caught. An alternate method would be to throw a marker buoy over when fish are first located. F. The current at Eatons Neck is fast as well as turbulent, so consider the speed and allow for extra rpm's when trolling with the current flow. By trolling in circular patterns, you can increase chances of working your lure at its proper action. G. Don't hesitate to try different lures often. Switching to a trolled or jigged hair lure, plug, spoon, squid imitation, etc., will eventually produce fish. These blues are sometimes finicky about their bait and its presentation, so vary your method as well. If blues are caught by a nearby fisherman, notice the lure or bait used when his line is put back into the water for another attempt.

H. The triple rig or "11B rig" as named by Connecticut fishermen, is often deadly on blues at Eatons Neck. It consists of 3 multi colored hoochy skirted lead heads attached to a single coat-hanger arm by means of heavy monofilament. This rig is trolled deep and exhibits a planing type action. J. Carry a 7 foot or longer spin casting rod with a surface plug attached ready for immediate use. In the fall, it's not unusual to spot birds working over a surface school of blues that are feeding voraciously. Locate upwind and cut your engine about 100 feet from the school.

Remember that Eatons Neck in the past has been known for steady good bluefishing towards the fall season. Because of this, it's not unlikely to witness 100 or more boats in this area on a weekend. Try to fish this area during the week, when boat traffic is at a minimum. As the weather begins to cool the water, bluefishing improves because these gamefish begin to gorge themselves in preparation for their departure to the south. They are not as wary towards artificial baits and will often devastate tackle. So prepare your knots, wire leaders and rigs accordingly. Huge fish of 18 pounds plus have been reported caught from this area every fall season. I trailer my boat all over the Long Island area, but come the fall season my favorite spot is Eatons Neck. So if you are in this area and notice my boat "Tricia II", give a call on VHF FM channel number 16. Possibly we can swap the latest information on the Eatons Neck blues.

Trolling for Big Bass In the Ocean

Part I

by Capt. Ron Onorato

One of the most important and most awaited events of the fall that every serious bass fisherman looks for, is the start of the migration of big fish along the south shore of Long Island. Once the migration starts, boats of all sizes and shapes ply the waters from Fire Island to Rockaway in search of the bass as they stream down the coast on their way to the wintering grounds in the Chesapeake Bay region. However, for every boat that is successful in taking fish, there are 20 other boats that do no more than drag wire through the water and burn a lot of gas. Though all types of bass fishing require knowledge, bass trolling is perhaps the most difficult to master. In this two part series, tackle and techniques that have worked in the past will be discussed.

In the earlier days of bass fishing during the late sixties and early seventies, the first week of October usually marked the start of the fishing off the beaches. Good fishing lasted through the month, and terminated around the beginning of November. However, the past few falls have seen unseasonably mild weather in September and October, and there were few if any northeast storms to get the fish moving. This resulted in a late run of fish with the best fishing in early and mid-November with very little activity during October. It takes several good northeast storms with several days of really cool temperatures to start the fishing. If there are lots of west and southwest winds, there is going to be a late start. As each year is usually different from the next, no general statement as to when the run starts can be made. Observations must be made as the weather actually occurs.

The fish that move down the coast will be at varying levels from the beach. They can be found at the 20 foot level or they may be at the 50 foot level depending upon where the bait is to be found. If there is a load of bait at the 35 foot level, and nothing showing at the 40 foot level, the odds are that any bass around will be in the vicinity of the bait. It should be remembered that the fish are moving at this time of the year, and they may not stay too long in any one area. They can be stacked off Long Beach one day and the next day be off Rockaway. This doesn't mean that the fish will always move from one day to the next, they may linger around for a day or so at any given area and then move. What I am bringing out is to move around a bit and not stagnate at any one area just because a few fish were taken there in the past. Try to keep up to date as to the whereabouts of the latest activity, if after a half day of no life, move on to newer grounds.

Both big and small bass can be taken while trolling in the ocean.

The tackle is perhaps one of the most neglected areas of the bass trolling for beginning fishermen. Most of them think that they can use the same outfit they trolled a few bluefish on for big stripers. They could never be more wrong. Let's take a detailed look at the tackle from the wire right down to the rod and reel.

Wire line is the only thing to use for tonging fish out of the depths with any sort of consistency. One of the latest innovations to appear on the bass scene is the down rigger, that many said would replace wire as a tool of the troller. These downriggers allowed the use of mono line with lighter outfits and became popular with some trollers. However, most of the serious bass fishermen stayed with the wire as they have been for all their years.

Though there are many strands of wire advertised for trolling on the market, by far and away the most effective and easy to use is the Monel wire. For reasons which elude me, the other types just don't seem to work as well. Monel is sold in 20, 30, 40, and 60 pound test weights. Although 30 pound Monel is a dream to use, 40 pound is the least I use on my outfits. The fish will be running big and that extra strength line can make a difference between a fish lost or fish boated.

Two reels are usually used by wire liners with one superior to the other. The Penn Jigmaster #500 is the more commonly used reel. It has a fast gear ratio and its interchangable spools allow for the quick changing of lines. Its main disadvantage is that it really doesn't hold up too well under a lot of hard use and that the wire has to be guided on by using your fingers to prevent an uneven

build-up of wire. The far superior reel in the Penn levelwind reel. This reel has a crossbar across the front of the spool that moves back and forth when the handle is turned. This allows even line build-up on the spool without using any fingers. This is important if you want to whip in a fast rig fast without having a mess on the spool.

Regardless of which reel you choose, a sufficient length of backing must be used on the reel. This serves two purposes; the first is that the backing (which is usually 40 or 50 pound mono) acts as a cushion for the springy wire, and secondly is necessary when you're fishing with great lengths of wire out and you hook a big fish that will take out all the remaining wire on the spool and run into the backing on a strong run.

A minimum of 100 yards of backing is wound directly onto the metal spool. The wire is then wound onto the backing and is attached by means of a small black barrel swivel. 300 feet of wire is the least you should put on the reel, while 450 feet may be a better bet. The wire is sold in 300 and 600 foot lengths and can be purchased marked or can be marked by yourself. Since I have yet to find a suitable way of marking the wire myself, I purchase the Monel that is premarked with a small drop of solder. This drops of solder mark the wire at intervals of 50 feet, and are permanent. Either way, it is absolutely necessary to have the wire marked or you are just wasting your time.

One of the most widely discussed things about this type of trolling is the length of leader to be used. Every troller has his own ideas and theories about the length of the leader to be used. After much discussion and experimenting I have found a fifteen foot length of mono leader to be about the best. This doesn't mean that shorter or longer lengths of mono won't work, it's just that this is what works well for me. The leader will test out at either 50 or 60 pound strength. Like with the backing, the leader is attached to the wire by means of a small black barrel swivel that tests out at 75 pounds connected by the haywire twist.

The most vital aspect of this trolling business is proper rod selection. If there is any area where one can go wrong, it is in this department. The old "any" rod will do, is just not applicable here. First off, whatever rod is used must have carboloy guides. Regular stainless steel guides will last about two trips before they are completely grooved. The carboloy guides are quite resistant to the grooving effects of the wire, but they are very fragile and have a tendency to crack if they are dropped. The best thing to come out in the way of guides is the new ceramic Fuji speed guides. The advantage of these is that they are not as fragile as the carboloy guides.

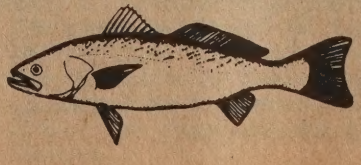
The first thing to avoid in the selection of any wire trolling outfit is a package deal of reel, wire and rod. More than likely, the whole outfit is just a cheap set of merchandise, quickly assembled and serving no useful purpose to the troller. They may be fine for some small blues, but have no place in big bass trolling.

The serious bass troller will have a couple, and possibly more rods to be used with different lures. They key to successful trolling is the proper lure presentation to the fish. While one rod may do wonders with a bunker spoon, with a big swimming plug or umbrella rig it may be just one long piece of spaghetti. The rod that works an umbrella rig well may not give that bunker spoon the needed action that makes it so successful.

The best way to get started is to go to a reputable rod builder and explain to him the outfits you are looking for. There are certain numbered blanks that are used strictly for spoons and other for plugs and so on. He will either have the rod in stock or he will be able to make one up for you. It will not be cheap, but at least you know you are going out there with the proper tools. In many cases, especially if you are just starting out, it may be necessary for you to buy several outfits. When you compute the cost of the rods, reels and wire line, you can see that you are going for a sizeable investment. Once the initial purchases are made however, the cost for future years is much less than your original cost. I would say that a good outfit of rod, reel, and wire will run around $100 or maybe a little less.

Any and all tackle that is used must be kept in tip top shape. This includes newly purchased reels. Most reels are not properly lubricated when they are packaged at the factory and it is up to you to make sure they get a good dose of reel lube before they are put into operation. You will be doing a lot of cranking and there is nothing worse then a creaky reel. The same goes for leaders and swivels. Any sort of cuts and abrasions in the leaders calls for their immediate replacement. There is no excuse for losing a big fish due to a frayed leader. For the amount of time and money that you spent on this trolling, it is shameful to lose fish for a few cents worth of leader. Any swivels that look rusted or worn should also be replaced without delay.

Next week: Lures and Trolling techniques.



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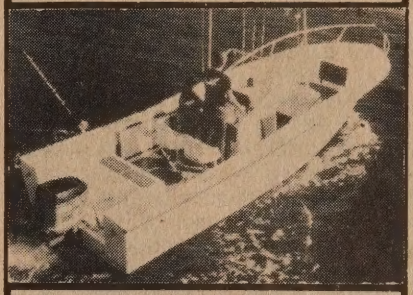

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MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

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The fishing has been mixed results as some species start to migrate as others begin to school up for future movement. The porgy and seabass fishing is now phenomenal and couldn't be any better. Large humpback porgies 1½ to 3 pounds and seabass of all sizes are virtually everywhere. Fluke fishing is still good but waning in the Midway and North Rips and in the deep water off the southside. Not as many fish, but a large proportion of doormats and medium sized fish and nobody out east would be surprised if a record doormat fluke or two were to be taken in the next ten days. Shark fishing still excellent offshore but few boats are sailing for them. Biggest giant tuna to be taken on Long Island this year was taken Saturday on Captain Warren Hader's charterboat **Devilfish**, a 171 pound monster that took a live whiting in a chum slick set out for sharks. Other reports or tuna sightings south of the Point and around the Submarine Buoy. Striped bass catches almost non-existant except for some of the locals like **John DeMaio** who has been picking from 2 to almost a dozen schoolies in the eves and at first light casting bucktails. Bluefishing has been down for the daytime trollers, who have teen picking at individual fish but are still managing decent catches. Night fishing with herring bait at Cartwright has been excellent and very consistent. Daytime bait fishermen also getting their share of the big monsters in the same area. Coxes Ledge codfishing has been down lately and is only fair, but should pick up again. Shark's Ledge has been producing some good cod action. Snappers are all over the lake, and fat flounder off to a good start inside.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** said that his charter took the largest giant bluefin to be taken from Long Island this year on Saturday. Jimmy Lanza, one of the members of the Garden Bar and Grill Club of Woodside that was aboard, landed a 171 lb. giant that took a live whiting being fished in the chum slick for sharks southeast of the Point in 220 feet of water. The giant stripped a 9/0 reel down to within 5 turns of the line and took an hour and 40

Shown here is Isaac rosce with a 45 lb cod, Frank Gallatty with a 43½ lb. cod, Shirley Cameres with a 42 lb. cod and L. Santiago with a 40 lb. cod along with many other fish taken aboard the "Peconic Queen III".

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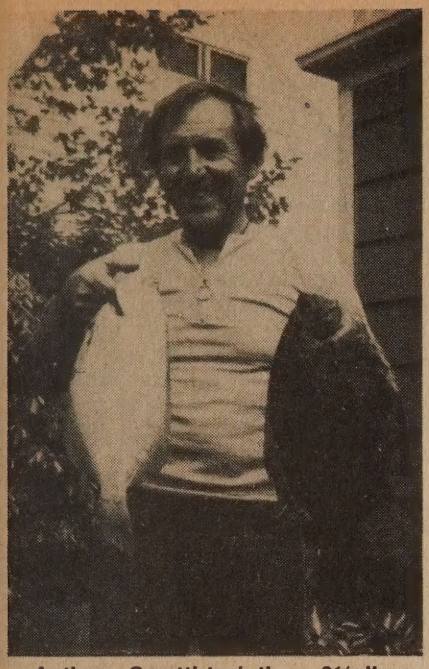


Anthony Coretti took these 3½ lb. flounder off Culloden Pt. Subscriber Club Photo.

minutes to bring to gaff. Warren said that a school of tuna in the 100 lb. range were spotted pushikng bait around the Submarine Buoy over the weekend, so it looks like there may be plenty of fish moving down from up north. Offshore sharking is still very good. On Thursday, a blue shark of 276 pounds was taken aboard the **Devilfish** along with four smaller blue sharks. During the week two mako sharks were taken, one of about 200 pounds taken on Capt. Murray Homelsky's charterboat **Cherokee,** and a real bruiser of 295 pounds taken on the charterboat **Sea Jay.**

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** told me that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge has slowed down to only "fair" proportions but should be picking up again. Best cod action lately has been at Shark's Ledge. Les said that the **Queen** will be running some special offshore trips soon, so watch the boat's ad for the dates. Bluefishing at night has been "great..excellent." at the Cartwright Grounds with herring bait. Fishing has been so good in fact that the Captain is now guaranteeing bluefish—no fish, no pay. The blues are all real gorillas, averaging 10 to 12 pounds with a lot going up to 20 pounds.

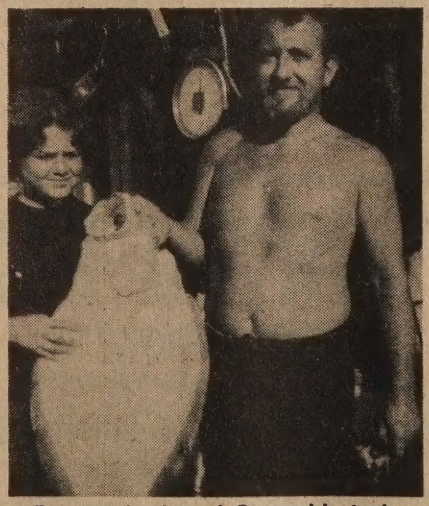
Captain Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that jumbo seabass and porgies are now being taken in unbelievable numbers. "This was the week that was." Friday, Eddie Bryan of the Bronx was hi-hook with 189 fish, mostly porgies and seabass. On Saturday and Sunday all the boats came back with bags of fish per man.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** reported that they have been killing the blues on bait at the usual pieces of high ground. The fish are now schooling up as they should have a month ago, making for some hot and heavy, consistent fishing day and night for big slammers in the teens and up to 20 pounds. Brad said that he is now sailing open for the blues only on weekdays and is chartering for large groups on weekends, but the only date left for a weekend charter is October 16th.

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin III** said that the porgy and seabass fishing "couldn't be better, we're killing the fish." Average catches range anywhere from 100 to 200 fish a man, big porgies 1½ to 3 pounds and seabass 1 to 5 pounds with even an occasional doormat fluke taken a clam bait. Great Eastern area has been the hottest of the hot spots, and this fishing should continue to hold until early November. Bluefishing has been excellent and very consistent at night with bait at Cartwright. On Saturday night 18 men took 170 blues 12 to 18 pounds. The Captain said that he is also booking large group charters for the night bluefishing.

Both the **Little Bear** and the **Flying Cloud** have been providing catches of seabass and porgies that are measured by the bag for their fares. The fish are all large, in front of the light and along the southside.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat **Montauk** informs us that on September 10th his charter for Terry Pollack and crew from the north shore got to the boat one of the biggest mako sharks that Paul ever saw, estimates this beast went 800 pounds. They got it to the boat four times but the last time the flying gaff straightened out like a safety



Bennett Levine of Oceanside took this 19 lb. 12 oz. fluke along with 30 other fluke with the help of his daughter. These fluke were taken aboard the Jigger III out of Montauk.

Barbara Boltz of Ridgewood with a 49½ lb. cod which she caught aboard the Peconic Queen III out of Montauk.

pin and the beast gained his freedom. On September 15th Benson Kane took a 7 foot 2 inch mako which went to 185 pounds. This was Benson's first offshore trip and this wild jumper gave him a real workout. He is having this mako mounted. Both fish were taken less than 15 miles off the Point. Paul advises that lots of blues are around offshore and that he takes at least one big blue shark per trip. Saturday his charter took over 100 bluefish. Paul informs us that the fluking at Montauk remains fantastic and that the charterboat **Ebb Tide** run by Capt: John Sweetman is racking up the fluke.

Three happy anglers chartered with Captain Braddick on the **Hurry-Up**. Dick Hoffman, John Holthusen and Dan Marrow fished the Pollack Rip on 9/11 and these three from the Huntington Anglers got 4 bass weighing 35, 24, 15 and 12 pounds plus a 5 pound blue trolling plugs on wire line.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** reported that the daytime bluefishing has been a little sporadic. For example, on Saturday morning's trip 52 bluefish were boated on Ava diamond jigs, but an afternoon trip found tough pickings in the same area. John said that he has been picking a few bass in the eves and at first light casting bucktails into the beach, one of his specialties. Friday eve he and a friend took 11 school bass and five weakfish. Tuesday morning 5 bass and 11 weakfish to 10 pounds were taken casting and Sunday eve two bass of about 12 pounds were bagged. On an afternoon charter on Sunday, two bushel baskets of fluke up to 10

pounds were taken in the rips at Midway and a couple of bushels of big seabass rounded out the catch. Readers should note that during the week I called up John to make a charter for the LIF staff for the fall bass run and found out that John already has over 40 charters booked for the month of October, so if you want to catch your fish diamond jigging or casting you had best give the Captain a call pronto or you'll be shut out.

Ronnie DiAlbora of the **Gone Fishing Marina** reported that the bottom fishing for porgies, seabass and fluke has been excellent, bluefishing poor with mixed results, bass action non-existant and offshore sharking still good with reports of tuna in the slicks. Nice, fat flounder have begun to move into the Lake and the snappers are everywhere.

Captain George Oliver and Captain Ron Onorato, LIF contributing author, have been doing a good job with the fish both inshore and offshore. During the week they had a charter that scored with five sharks, blues and browns, and made a rare sighting of a killer whale, Latin name "Orca," like the boat of "Jaws" was named.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that there has been a lull in the hot bluefish action but offshore is still very good and the inshore bottom fishing is great. Striped bass fishing has been very spotty, with only the "silent fishermen" taking fish at dawn and dusk trolling big tubes and eel skins and casting. On Sunday the "Entertainer" fished south of the Point in 200 feet of water and bagged six blue sharks, none large, all released. Bert Rockfield on the "Serenity II" had a field day bottom fishing on Sunday with 55 fluke up to 8 pounds at Midway, 75 large seabass and 50 porgies. On Saturday the charterboat "Bumble Bee" scored with 40 bluefish trolling, and on Sunday took 90 fluke to 12 pounds, 250 porgies and over 100 seabass fishing the bottom. Captain Dave McMahon of the charterboat "Marie II' had 20 bluefish Sunday morning, and 40 blues in the afternoon trolling umbrella rigs. Two of Montauk's largest marina fished the Cartwright area Saturday with the special herring that were individually touched and blessed by GF Henry...the "Mary Jac" took 45 blues up to 18 pounds, and the "Lady Lee" had 35 fish up to 15 pounds on this remarkable bait.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton** told me that there are plenty of bluefish being taken fishing on the bottom with herring at Cartwright both day and night. On Sunday the fishing was fantastic for a charter from LILCO led by Hank Mattitut. Dick noted that while September 30th is still an open charter date. October is completely booked and there are only a few weekday openings left in November for the fall bass run, cod and big bulldog blackfish.

Captain Frank Pike of the charterboat **Leatherneck** reported that the bluefishing was excellent during the week at the Sub Buoy, Southeast Light off Block Nd the Southwest Ledge trolling umbrella rigs, but the action was down a little on the weekend for some reason. Very few bass around but the bluefish are real monsters.

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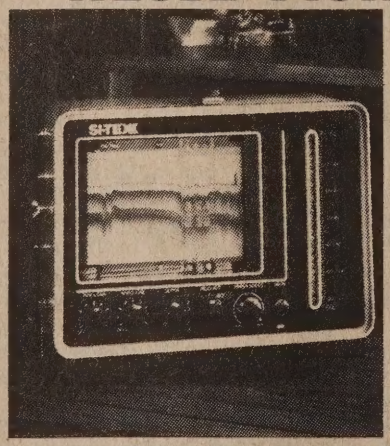

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PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** reported that the porgy fishing was very good during the week off Eastern Plains Point at Guardiners Island but slowed on the weekend. Good catches of seabass are mixed in with the porgies and the blackfish are starting to show up in the same area. Plenty of small porgies close by to the marina. Sporadic bluefishing with the choppers showing up on top unexpectedly around the boats fishing for porgies. When they show, the fish of 4 to 12 pounds are being taken casting and trolling. Fluke fishing is waning at Cartwright Island and can 2.

NOYAC

Barbara at the **Noyac Marina** reported that effective in October the marina will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fishing has been good all around, and on Sunday Dennis Kennedy, Bill Fales and Bill Jr. from Bellerose fished off the Salty Dog Restaurant and came in with 29 school size weakfish , 27 humpbacked porgies 1 to 1¾ pounds, one doormat fluke and ten very large snappers on squid and spearing bait.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows Jr. of the **Captain Clark Boats** reported that the blackfish-p ing was off to a good start until those few days of 90 degree weather last week, but should continue to improve as the water cools. When the blacks have been slow the boats have been going to the Shinnecock Fishing Reef Offshore and doing a real bail-up job there on the seabass. On Saturday a couple of anglers had over 100 seabass each, and on Sunday over 4000 fish were taken for 50 anglers. The fish are mixed sizes, ¾ to 2½ pounds and you only have to anchor up once on the reef for a full day of fishing.

HAMPTON BAYS

John at **Bradley's Fishing Station** reported that the flounder are off to a good start in the Basket are and the Middle of the Bay. Nice seabass are all over the bay and are being taken when the tide is running. Fluke fishing has been holding up in the channels in the inlet and the traps are showing a mixed bag of flounder, seabass and fluke. John also reported that weakfish are starting to move out of the Peconic Bays through the Shinnecock Canal.

MORICHES BAY

Seatuck Cove Marina and Fishing Station reports excellent mixed bags for fall fishermen. Lots of sea bass and porgies and a few flounder and blows as well. Fluke are still obliging to some extent on sand eels and squids.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** reported that the flounder are starting to run off Great Gun Beacn and are of nice size. Plenty of snappers are all over the bay and the fluke have slowed down a bit, but there is another spurt of good fluking expected before they leave the inlet entirely.

E. ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle tells of stripers at Cedar Beach at night on live eels, fish in the 20 to 30 lb. class. Weaks at the Coast Guard Station on live blacks at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and fluke at Fire Island Inlet taking squid on rising water.

CAPTREE

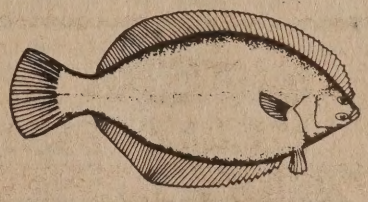
The Jib V is doing excellent blackfish-ing of mixed sizes, reports Ms. Blum, with over 1000 of these toothy critters coming over the rail this past weekend. Sea bass are mixed in. The **Jib VI** is still doing very good fluking from the bridge up past the mouth of the inlet.

Charterboat **Yankee** reports that the night bluefishing is terrific and consis-tent with good sized fish to the 11 to 12 lb. class. Day bluefishing is still a little spotty, but even that has improved. The fluking on Saturday was better than Sunday's fluking and the fish are nice and fat now. Captain Bob Patafio asked us to announce that there is still room on his Friday and Saturday special charter trips, which afford plenty of elbow room. See the **Yankee** ad for details on single reservations.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the new **Speedy VI** said that the bluefishing has been excellent at night and now is the time to come and get them after a poor summer of bluefish action. On Saturday night 300 fish were taken chumming and bait, and the action was also good on Sunday daytime with many of the fish being taken on Ava Banana's in green, red or white and also on the Ava diamond jig. The fish range from 6 to 10 pounds and the hot areas have been the Cholera Banks and down to Klondike. The bluefishing now really looks good for the fall.

Captain George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** rated the bluefish action as fair to good at the Cholera Banks and the Angler Banks. Saturday fishing was good with 70 fish for a dozen anglers and Sunday's action was rated as fair. Fisn

Jim Pigeon and Ronnie Smith with 40 fluke from 2½ to 10½ lbs. taken on Smokey's special fluke rigs using smelts. Photo courtesy of Smokey's Bait and Tackle.



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"The fluke fishing is absolutely fantastic" is the word from Neil of the **Lady Ann**. Fishing has been hot and heavy from the Robert Moses Bridge to the mouth of the inlet, best on the end of the flood and the first of the ebb, but fluke are being picked out throughout the day. On Monday, 214 fluke were boated and on Saturday the score was 203. Night bluefishing has also been excellent. On Friday 4 to 10 fish per man was the average and on Saturday catches ranged from 10 to 30 blues per man. The fish range from 5 to 12 pounds and have been consistent at the Cholera Banks, Angler Banks and around the NC Buoy. The action has been best at night with daytime catches only poor to good. Plenty of seabass of mixed sizes are being taken outside the FI Artificial Reef and the blackfish are moving into the bay on the local wrecks and Kismet Artificial Reef.

Capt. Carl Bauer of the **Captain Whittacker** reported loading down the boat with blackfish on both Saturday and Sunday with over 1000 fish each day taken from the wrecks in the bay. Fiddler crabs are the best bait, and there are some blowfish and nice seabass mixed in with the blacks.

BABYLON

Charlie's Fishing Station informs us that the infamous Fred Guardineer and wife Ruth fishing the mouth of Mud Creek and anchoring in the East West Channel on Thursday took 42 porgies, 6 big fluke, a dozen big snappers and some assorted sea bass and blowfish, all on spearing. Way to go Fred!

Babylon Fishing Station reports fluke remains strong from the lighthouse to the Coast Guard Station. Some small sea bass at the Jetty off the West Bar. No flounder yet. Weakfish at the bridges, mainly the center spans from 2½ to 3 pounds on squid fished on the bottom.

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports lots of bonito and albacore on Sunday taken on the BTC Contest. Bonito was small, up to 5 pounds while albies ran from 8 to 11 pounds. Lots of blues chummed offshore on Sunday in the 8 pound class. Two spanish mackerel were brought in on Sunday also. Plenty of porgies and big blowfish with fatter and bigger fluke now along with good blackfishing, all at the artificial reef and in the bridge areas. Six flounder were taken by one fellow in the State Channel so keep your eye on the flatties. Bigger porgies are in the area of the lighthouse. Lots of school weakfish from 1 to 4 pounds between West Channel and Heckscher. Heckscher has good catches of kingfish and blue claw crabs are still in abundance. Bigger ones are now in the State Channel. Weaks are being taken on snappers and bunker in the bay. Augie's is selling lots of bass eels, so he deduces that a lot of sharpshooters are taking bass but keeping it quiet.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Bait and Tackle reports very good blackfishing at the Kismet Reef and the bridges on fiddlers and green crabs, with best at slack. Sea bass action very good on the outside reef and in the inlet on squid. Lots of blowfish in the bay and on Kismet Reef. Good porgy fishing off Copiague and at the Copiague Hole. Snappers have decreased on the north side of the bay, but they are still strong along the State Channel. Crabs are large and in abundance in the flats off Copiague, Lindenhurst and Babylon. Good catches of albacore with bonito mixed in in 60 to 90 feet of water between Jones Inlet and Moriches Inlet. A good body of bluefish moved into 60 feet of water this weekend with fish up to 14 pounds taken mostly on trolled feathers on top so chumming should work too, FINALLY. Striped bass fishing has improved with fish in the 30 to 40 lb. range being taken on artificials, live bait and cut bait. Looks like the fall run has started, with the area from Smith Point to Long Beach jetty and all along the surf line.

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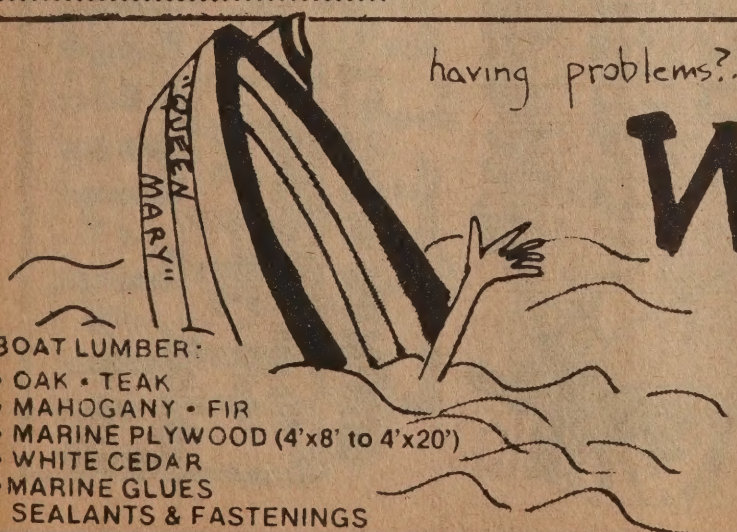

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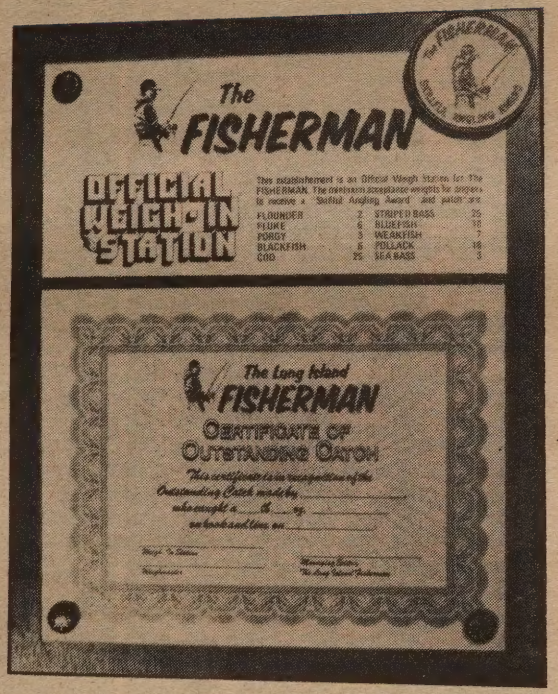

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COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports that several bass have been taken at West End parking lot 2 on bunker chunks. Other bass were taken between Moses and Democrat Point, with a 23 pounder being of note, also on bunker chunk. Lots of fluke from the bell buoy to the inlet. George Mills and Steve had an 11 pounder and two nine pounders [weakfish] off the lighthouse on live snapper. Lou Clement and Buddy had six weakfish from 8 to 10 pounds on Sunday morning. Lots of porgies in Amityville Cut, Cedar, Copiague Beach, Copiague Hole, and the state channel, along with some seabass and kingfish. Plenty of blacks at the Kismet Reef running to 8 pounds on fiddlers and green crabs. Most blacks are running 2 pounds. Blue claw crabs still await you on the flats and snappers remain strong. Try chumming for snappers with frozen bunker chum on the bottom, advises Jonas. Bass are also being plugged from Cedar Beach and it looks like the fall run is on us.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells us that the 6th annual Long Island Decoy Collectors Assoc. Show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 26th at the Masonic Hall on Montauk Highway, Babylon. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a $1 donation. There will be an auction and antique decoys display and visitors are invited for buying, selling or trading. Now for the fishing report...bluefishing has improved greatly chumming at Cholera, with trolling and baitfishing off the Pipeline and Lido Beach working well. Blacks, seabass and porgies are excellent at the inshore Kismet reef on spearing, clam, fiddler crabs and green crabs. Fluking is good from the Meadowbrook Bridge through Jones Inlet. A few weakfish at Sloop Channel Bridge along with some flounder and sea bass. Anglers Fred Dumbo and Tom Avellino of Squadron Anglers took a 19 lb. striper at the Meadowbrook Bridge on sand worms on a hi-lo rig on Saturday night, said worms intended for a weakfish. A few blacks and kingfish at the Copiague Hole and West Island. Very good bluefishing right now says George. Captree's **Speedy VI** had excellent bluefishing at Cholera several times this past week. George advises that for best results on sea bass and porgies, use a chum pot with clam chum under the boat.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle reports off the Harbor Green Beach Club loads of porgies and seabass and kingfish are being taken, particularly in the Hole. Some flounder behind Squaw Island on clam and bloodworms. Weakfish on snappers or squid at Zach's Bay.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle informs us that fluke are still available on killies, sand eels and squid while there is very good porgy and sea bass fishing in most of the deep holes and channels in the area on clam and small strips of squid.

Salice Fishing Station reports there is still fluke available from the bridge to the Four Corners area on squid and killies. Weakfish at the bridges are taking live snappers while lots of sand porgies and snappers are all over the bay. Lots of blue claw crabs around, so watch where you step.

BELLMORE

Merrick Marine Supply reports Saturday was very good for blues, alberts an d bonito from 40 to 70 feet of water for both chummers and trollers. These fish ran from 8 to 13 pounds due south of Jones Inlet. In the surf, Cedar, Gilgo and Atlantic Beaches are producing striped bass this past week on swimmers and poppers.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports really good mixed bags all this past week and weekend. Fluke seems to be tapering off, but still good catches in Ned's Creek and the inlet on killies. Blackfish are hitting fiddler crabs at the bridges while porgies, seabass and snappers are providing the kicks at Merrick Point, Nick's Point on worms, clams and squid. A few flounder are mixed in and you can almost be assured of a pailful of fish. Good offshore fishing for bonito, albacore, blues and weaks from 50 to 70 feet of water near Cholera and Anglers Banks.

On Tuesday in preparation for the flounder season, the infamous G. Korn was checking his line for nicks. Although Korn did not find any nicks, he did find two angelo's and a pasqualle.

Susan Loughran caught this 7 lb. 8 oz. fluke at Haunts Creek while fishing with her family. The fish was taken on spearing and squid and was Susan's first fluke. Subscriber Club Photo.

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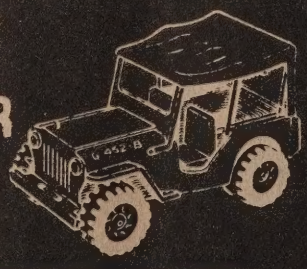

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

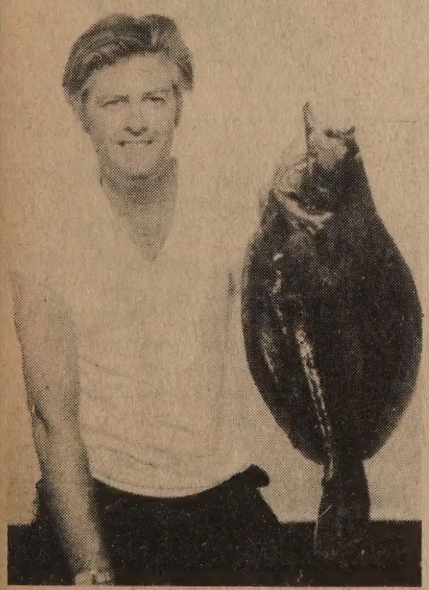
FREEPORT

Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin ii** reports that on Friday a 7 man charter from the Sea Train Corp. fished 5 miles off the beach took 50 blues trolling Ava bananas up to 11 lbs. The fish were being taken 3 and 4 at a time. Saturday the same local was fished resulting in a catch of about 50 fish at the N. C. buoy chumming. On Sunday they fished at the farms area with a catch of 6 to 10 lb. blues at the change of tide. Charlie Lentz of the **Wonderbar Fishing Club** had a 19 lb. blue which was caught at the whistle.

Captain Dave on the **Lucky Strike III** reports really good bluefishing on Saturday with some ablies mixed in, no blues under 10 pounds. His charter on Saturday had 19 fish altogether fishing south of Jones Inlet.

South shore killie drowner Frank Hunter called to say that while on his way to Cholera for tuna and albies early in the week, about a mile south of Jones Inlet, he was suddenly surrounded by acres of finning and surface smashing weakfish. With only a mild panic on board, Frank snapped on an A-27 jig and in a short while boated 3 blues and 10 weakfish, all in the 6 to 9 lb. class.

The **Capt. Lou II** called to say that the fluking seems to be sliming down for the season. Lou is now working out on the



Richie Peterson took this 7 lb. 3 oz. fluke in Haunts Creek on a killie and sandeel combo. Subscriber Club Photo.

The Long Island FISHERMAN

CONTEST

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The Long Island Fisherman Litter Box Contest gives our readers a chance of winning a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the better bait and tackle centers and pick up an L.I.F. Litter Box for the rear window of your car. Each week the license number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, call The Fisherman by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received, the cash prize will accumulate.

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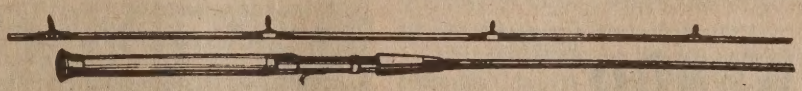

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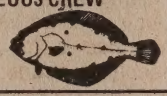

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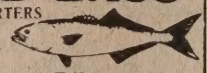

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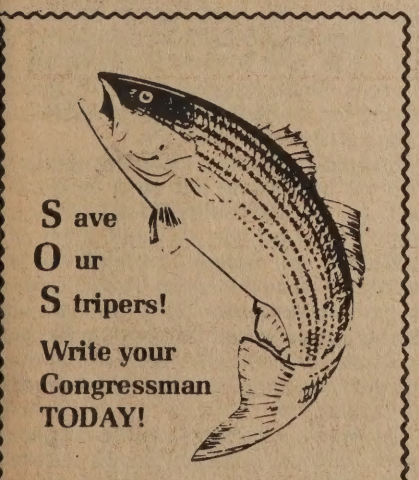
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The **Aloma Fleet** reports Saturday's fluking very good, fishing local waters. Due to conditions, Sunday's fishing was not as good.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports fluke rather picky this past week, though there are still lots around if you make the effort. An 11 pound 3 ounce fluke was taken by one angler under the Meadowbrook Bridge using a tandem hook rig with a sand worm on one hook and a fiddler crab on the other. Lots of blackfish at the Meadowbrook Draw Bridge on fiddlers along with sea bass while many sea bass are being picked up in the channels along with hand-sized porgies, using clam and sandworms. Wednesday, Anthony and two buddies nailed 50 blues and weaks on top offshore on plugs and trolled tubes. Fish average 6 pounds. In the bays a couple of flounder are making their presence known.

The charterboat **Sea Bee** had the Marine Ecology class of Hempstead High School out where in two hours 16 weaks up to 9 pounds, 5 blues to about 8 pounds were taken on spinning rods with 8 pound test line in 45 feet of water southeast of Jones Inlet using sinking Rebels on top. Fish were feeding on sand eels.

Joe Santoro with the aid of his buddy Vinnie Gandolfo hauled this 18 lb. fluke out of the waters off the Meadowbrook Bridge. The doormat was taken on a live snapper. Subscriber Club Photo.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur St. Marina** reports big blues and weaks just outside the inlet this past week taken on anything trolled, fish running up to 12 pounds in 45 to 50 feet of water. Flounder are starting to show in Baldwin Bay, Fundy and Swift Creek. Fluke are still around but on the decline. Sharpshooter Dan Divire nailed an 18 pound 7 ounce bluefish while trolling a green banana lure on Thurs.

POINT LOOKOUT

Deer Park angler John Pion on September 8th fishing out of **Ed's Fishing Station** boated an 8 pound fluke. Upon observation, John found that the fish had a long leadered fluke hook deeply embedded in its innards with the end loop sticking out of the fish's mouth. John's hook had hooked through the end loop and this is what he actually hooked onto to, not the fish's mouth. How's that one.

The **Marie III** reports big blues on Saturday from 8 to 15 pounds with one eighteen pounder being lost at the boat. Most of these fish are trolled on black and red feathers on top, but eight were taken on chum. No drail and no wire were used when fishing the feathers. This was north of the Cholera in 60 feet of water and albies were boated also. Two dozen of the big choppers were trolled. On Sunday, a half dozen bonito and alberts were taken so the boat switched to fluking which was only fair for the day.

Betty Chisholm at **Scotty's Marina** reported that the fluke fishing was still very good in Jones Inlet with many large fish in the 2 to 3 lb. category and an occasional 5 pounder. Best area has been between 6 and 8 in the inlet and there are also some fish on the flats. William Surowiec took a 7¾ lb. blackfish off Seabright N.J. and weighed it in at the marina. Nice blackfish are being taken in Reynold's Channel at high tide where Doxsee is dumping the empty clam shells.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** reported fantastic blackfishing under the bridges and off the rock jetties on fiddler and gren crabs. Good fluke fishing in the inlets with smelt and squid for bait. Snappers, crabs and porgies are all good everywhere.

LONG BEACH

Capt. John Glasser of the **Skipper** reports that on Saturday he went out to Seabright with a party of 12 and loaded up with 60 blues in the 10 to 12 lb. range. On Sunday, he went out to Asbury Park with a group of 9 and drifted for 75 blues.

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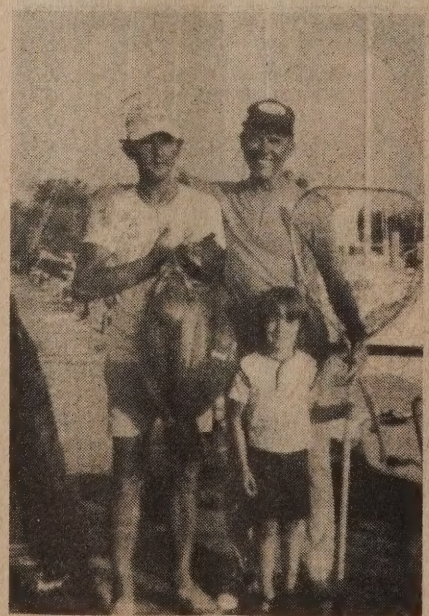
Tom Keeney of the **Long Beach Sports Marina** reported that Mike Nichols of E. Atlantic Beach has been having great success with bluefish and weakfish trolling umbrella rigs with Tony Acetta Pet Spoons instead of tubes off Rockaway Playland. He's been taking weakfish up to 10 pounds with this rig. Still some fluke around Duck Pt. Blackfish being taken at Silver Pt. Jetty at Atlantic Beach, bluefish at buoy 4 south of the inlet trolling. John Calamarino of Atlantic Beach trolled bluefish 8 to 10 pounds on an umbrella rig with tubes in the morning off Lido Hotel. Bernie Haag has been taking small striped bass at the West End Jetties off Long Beach casting at first light. Porgies are being taken by the bucket on worms by anglers fishing off the Magnolia Pier in Long Beach.

JAMAICA BAY

John at the **Cross Bay Rod and Gun Shop** reported that Lafayettes and sand porgies are in the bay and cannals by the millions. Best areas have been at the North and South Channel Bridges and Beach Channel Drive with worms for bait. Very good snapper fishing all around with spearing, and the crab action has been moderate. A sprinkling of weakfish, bass and bluefish is being taken at the North, South and Marine Parkway Bridges. Blackfish are just starting to show off Rockaway on fiddlers.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The open boat **Zephyr** reports great porgy fishing with large size specimens coming over the side. Blackfishing



This 12 lb. 8 oz. fluke was taken by Bob Parnicky in Barnegat Inlet on a live killie. Subscriber Club Photo.

continues to be good with fish up to 8 pounds along with sea bass catches at Seabright. Shirley angler Dick Barrett called to say that on the bay side of Fire Island Inlet, he has been taking weaks at night on white salty dogs and small Hopkins. He is also doing this under the Moses Bridge on the Fire Island Side around the Coast Guard Station.

Charterboat **Chianti** reports Bob Black and charter did very well on fluke on Thursday fishing just north of the Long Branch Pier, with large smelts, taking fluke up to 7 pounds. 35 was the count for the day. The weekend saw the **Chianti** fishing Klondike where it was spotty for blues but they still had quite a few large fish up to 14 pounds on chum and bait.

Captain Tony of the **Big Mohawk II** called to say that the John Vesco charter on Saturday night fished Watkins Ledge off Seabright and chummed blues from 8 to 12 pounds with the pool going 14 pounds and hi-hook 11 choppers. Saturday morning's Ingersalrand charter fished Augie's Lump with small silver dollar butterfish which the bluefish seemed to enjoy. The pool winner went 13 pounds. On Sunday, the Fulton Lounge Fishing Club of Brooklyn averaged 5 to 8 bluefish per man, with a 12 pounder taking the pool at the Klondike. Tony says that he has weekday charter dates available and to shoot him a call.

Captain Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack IV** spoke to us over the radio Sunday night on his way back from an excellent offshore tilefish expedition that saw 125 of the fish up to 50 pounds coming over the rails. Bluefishing has been very good during the day and at night at Watkins Ledge offshore of Seabright.

Captain Huck of the **Helen H** reported that the bluefishing has been excellent both day and night with the fish ranging from 3 to 14 pounds. At night smelt or butterfish bait fished at mid level is producing best and during the day smelt or bunker back seems to hold an edge. Best areas have been offshore Sea Bright to Klondike. During the day some of the bluefish are being taken on red or green Banana's.

Captain Larry Krim of the **Eagle** reported record breaking catches of fluke with phenomenal amounts of fish being taken in Ambrose Channel and New Channel. Over 700 fish up to 5 pounds were taken on Wednesday on smelt and squid bait. The fluke are hitting all day long through all tides.

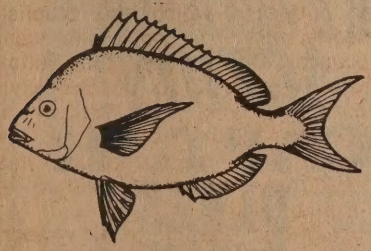
Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** reported very good blackfishing in the rocky areas off the Jersey coast.

Sal at **Stella Maris Fishing Station** reported very good bluefishing on the weekend day and night along the Jersey coast at Sea Bright, Atlantic Highlands

and off Shrewsbury with the fish ranging from 5 to 12 pounds. Still plenty of fluke being taken in Ambrose Channel on the blackside, mostly big fish. Also good fluking off Sandy Hook. Very good blackfishing with fiddler or green crabs at the Elbow off Sea Bright. Still a lot of sand porgies and snappers in Sheepshead and Jamaica Bay.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** reported plenty of small school bass being taken from Verranzano Bridge up to pier 6 in NY Harbor on worms, Kastmasters and bucktails. Blues in the 12 lb. class are being taken at South Beach at First Light on Pencil Poppers and swimmers and during the daytime or night with cut bait. Snapper blues and Lafayettses all over the place. Fluke fishing down and fading. Flounder and blackfish just beginning. Big blues trolling bunker spoons and gorilla rigs in Princess Bay at the Middle Ground area. Weakfish are scattered all over Raritan Bay but are not concentrated in any one spot.



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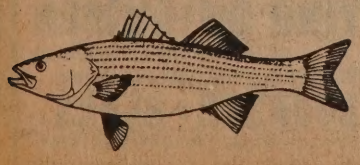
Mrs. George Glas of the **Hel-Cat** reported that the bluefishing in the Race has been very good and consistent, with the fish running an average of 10 to 12 pounds with quite a few up to 14 pounds. John Zollo of East Northport took a 16 lb. bluefish that not only won the daily pool and came in first in the Hel-Cat's weekly contest, but also placed first in the weekly award in the Groton Bass and Bluefish Fishing Derby and is ahead for the month in the contest, which has prizes and awards for weekly, monthly and seasonal catches. The contest ends on October 31st, so you have over a month to bag one of the prizes.



NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

ORIENT POINT

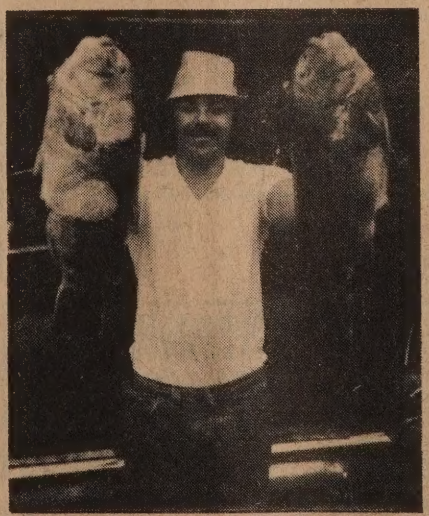
Orient by the Sea Marina reports good catches of bass at the Gut on live eels. The bass are ranging between 20 and 30 lbs. A good catch of blues at the Race has been made on live bunker. Blackfishing is picking up north of Plum Island on fiddlers. These blacks are weighing between 5 and 8 lbs. Catches of flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. range are being taken in Gardiner's Bay on clams and sand worms.

GREENPORT

A. P. White Bait Shop reports good blue fishing in the Race on butterfish and diamond jigging. Porgies and sea bass are being taken at Gardiner's Island on skimmers and a few blacks have been picked up at Gull Island.

The open boat **Wilhelric** reports porgy fishing is excellent now, any where from 50 to 100 porgies per man of mixed sizes. Blackfish are now showing. Frank Mills and Dad had 160 porgies and blacks taken on skimmers and worms for porgies and fiddlers for the blackfish.

George Porter of the **Brand X** reports that the Race is loaded with 5 to 15 lb. blues that are being taken with either butterfish, herring and by diamond jigging.



Charlie Marzullo of Hewlett Bay Park with two blackfish from a catch of 40, he and Ron Contino caught Saturday. The fish ranged from 3½ to 10½ lbs. Subscriber Club Photo.

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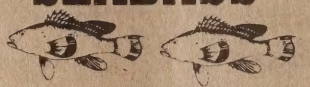
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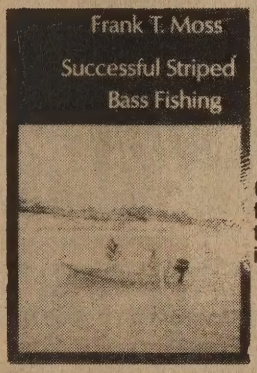

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SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station said that the flounder fishing is getting better on the bay side of the point with these 1 to 1¼ lb. flounders being taken on skimmers and bank muscles. Joe Dee and Irv Friedman came in with their catch of 107 flounders in two hours. Blacks up to 10 lbs. have been taken at the lighthouse on green crabs with Dick Neu taking 26 blacks up to 10½ lbs. Weak fishing has picked up at Noyac south of buoy 16 using a long strip of squid on a hi-hook. Catches of porgies have been good west between buoy 16 and 17 with porgies weighing ¾ to 2 lbs.

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JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait & Tackle reports porgies all over the bay and the sound. Blues in the 11 to 14 lb. range have been picking up at night on bunker chunks. Frank would also like to report that the blacks can be found in any rocky area in the sound with the fish being taken on green crabs.

ROCKY POINT

Nick's Bait & Tackle reports that on Saturday Henry Mecchiona, John Seieold and Paul Matirozzi all of Lake Ronkonkoma came in with 60 blues that were taken at buoy 7 fishing butterfish, red & white surgical and rebels. The fish averaged 4 to 10 lbs. Blackfishing has been picking up off the beach on green crabs and fiddlers. The bass fishermen are taking a few fish east of Wading River.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that porgies have been taken straight off the harbor on worms and clams in 40 to 60 feet of water. The black fishing has picked up with fish being taken in the 3 to 5 lb. range on green crabs. Trolling for blues at buoy 9 with green bananas, surgical tubes and umbrellas has taken blues in the 10 to 12 lb. range. On Saturday, Charlie Beatherson had 35 blues in the 5 to 12 pound range while trolling.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reports good porgy fishing from Oldfield to Cranes Neck. Blues in the 3 to 10 lb. range have been taken trolling the Middle Grounds. Millions of snappers are in the harbor and are about 8 to 10 inches long. There are some fluke in the harbor under the snappers. Blackfish are starting to come in, in the 2 to 3 lb. range with a couple of

Shown here is Tom Quinn with the 30 lb. striped bass he took fishing out of Wading River in July. Photo by Hurricane John.

10 pounders among them.

Anglers Den reports lots of blues in the Middle Grounds weighing 7 to 8 lbs. with some blues being taken in the harbor in the morning and evening. Blackfish in the 2 to 5 lb. range have been taken on green and fiddler crabs.

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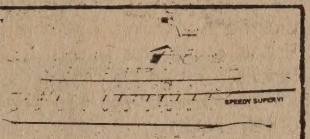

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Frank Diana and Pam Goerlich of Huntington with their catch of 20 blues from 10-14 lbs. taken on diamond jigs and popping plugs just south of buoy 11B. Photo courtesy of Ronnies Bait and Tackle.

Neck for clam chummers in the early part of the week with fish to 25 pounds being taken mainly on outgoing. Use lead line when the tide is ripping and mono when she is slack. Bluefish at 11B on diamond jigs and cut bait from boats fished on the bottom with fish finder rigs. Also, Huntington Harbor and Cold Spring Harbor are producing blues to 16 pounds on bunker chunks. Blacks are starting there fall run bit by bit now, in deep water on fiddlers and green crabs. Still some fluke at buoy 13 and in Northport Bay on squid and spearing. Snappers in a ten inch category are hitting shiners to everyones delight.

GLEN COVE

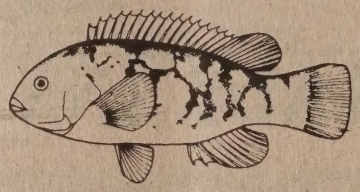
Glen Cove Sports Shop reports that blues are being taken in the 3 to 5 lb. range trolling. Weaks up to 8 lbs. have been taken at the Breakwater and your best bet is to live line snappers. Porgies have been found all over with the best bet being Glen Cove Creek and Pryble Beach. Blacks have been taken in the rocky areas off Mattinecock Point.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait and Tackle reports that there are still porgies in the area and blacks are being taken in the muddy areas. There are also loads of snappers to be had.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle tells of local blackfish being taken on fiddlers. Small sand porgies and lafayettes are being taken on sand worms. Boston and tinker mackerel are being caught while snapper fishing. On Saturday blues were being taken between the two bridges trolling surgical tubes.



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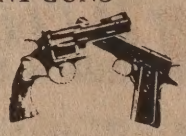

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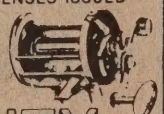

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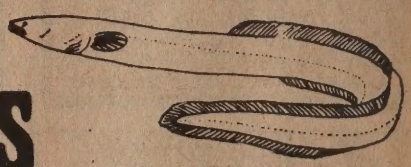

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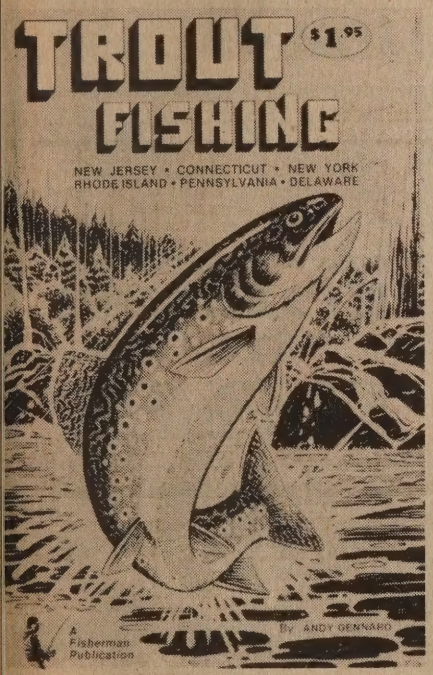

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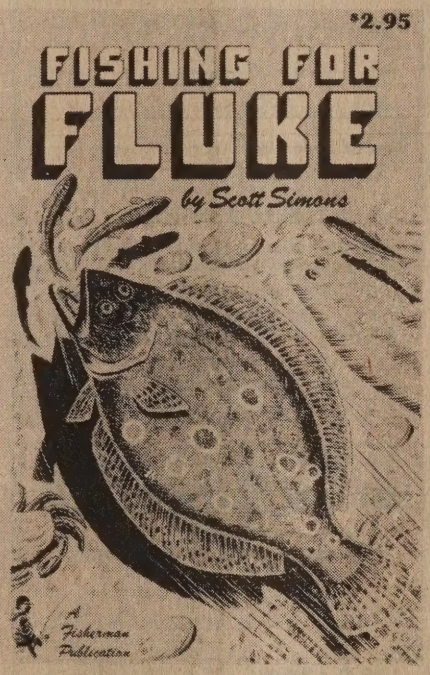

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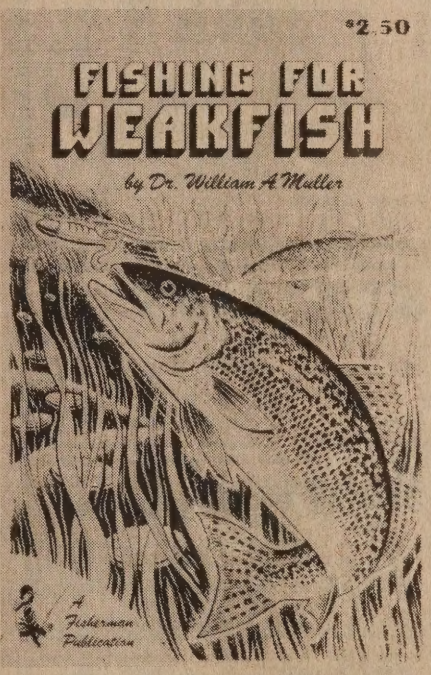

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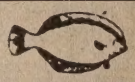
BAIT  BOATS

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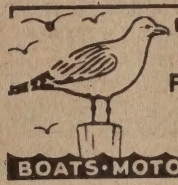

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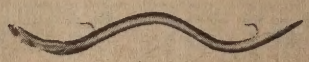

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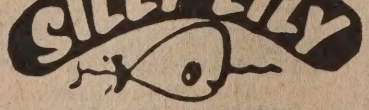

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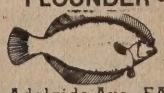

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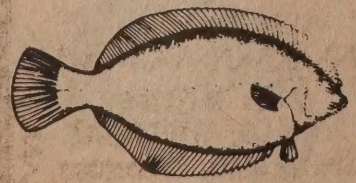

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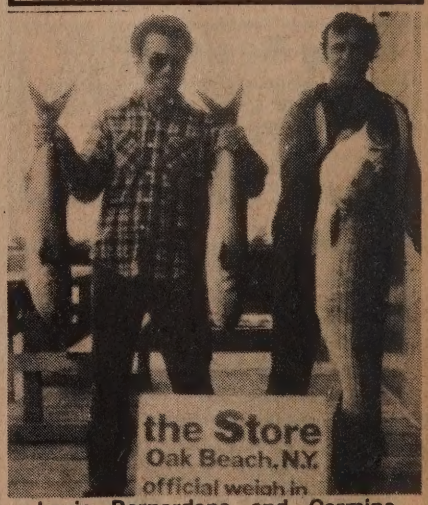

Louie Bernardone and Carmine Vittello of the Bronx with their catch of a 23 lb. striper and two 7 lb. blues taken on clams off Cedar. Photo courtesy of the Store.

NATURAL BAITS
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brates.

The foot of the squid is divided into tentacles that are in front of the head. There are usually eight or ten tentacles, which are covered with rows of suckers which are an aid in helping the squid catch and hold food.

Food is moved to the mouth which lies in the center of the tentacles. There the food is broken down into smaller pieces.

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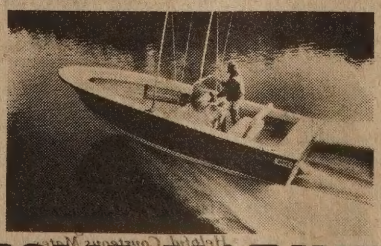
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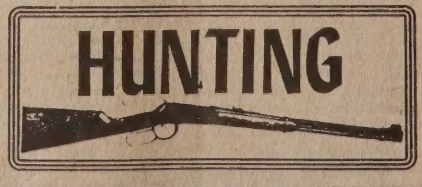

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	7:56	8:14	8:35	8:57	8:28	8:47	9:19	9:44	11:12	11:40	11:21	11:44	7:47	8:10	9/23
FRI	8:41	9:00	9:23	9:43	9:14	9:35	10:05	10:33	—	12:00	—	12:07	8:34	8:57	9/24
SAT	9:29	9:48	10:10	10:31	10:02	10:25	10:53	11:22	12:26	12:46	12:32	12:53	9:23	9:46	9/25
SUN	10:18	10:41	10:59	11:23	10:55	11:22	11:41	—	1:15	1:34	1:21	1:42	10:13	10:37	9/26
MON	11:11	11:37	11:52	—	11:51	—	12:15	12:34	2:06	2:27	2:11	2:34	11:04	11:30	9/27
TUE	—	12:08	12:16	12:48	12:22	12:51	1:11	1:34	3:01	3:22	3:07	3:38	—	12:01	9/28
WED	12:35	1:07	1:17	1:51	1:23	1:50	2:14	2:37	4:07	4:31	4:05	4:29	12:30	1:00	9/29
THUR	1:36	2:07	2:23	2:57	2:23	2:50	3:20	3:45	5:39	6:06	5:08	5:32	1:32	2:04	9/30

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9/7	6:31	7:24
9/12	6:37	7:15
9/17	6:42	7:06
9/22	6:47	6:57
9/27	6:52	6:49

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9/23	9/1	9/8	9/16

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	4:20	**11:00**	4:50	**11:25**
FRI.	5:10	**11:55**	5:40	—
SAT.	6:10	**12:25**	6:40	**12:55**
SUN.	7:05	**1:30**	7:45	**2:00**
MON.	8:15	**2:35**	8:45	**3:05**
TUES.	9:20	**3:35**	9:45	**4:05**
WED.	10:20	**4:40**	10:50	**5:10**
THURS.	11:25	**5:40**	11:50	**6:10**

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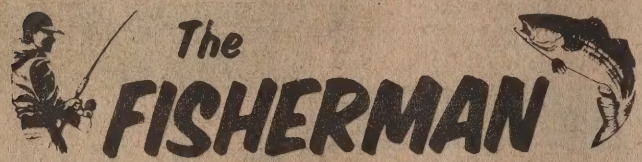

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